

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **4 Aug 47** Incident # **73**
2. Time **1600**
3. Location **Boston, Mass**
4. Name of observer **Alpheus D. Powell, Capt of PA Airways, Inc.**  
**Walter I. White, Navigator**
5. Occupation of observer **Crew of Pan Amr Constitution**
6. Address of observer **28 Redwood Road, New Hyde Park, Long Island**
7. Place of observation **Approximately midway between Everett, Mass**  
**and Bedford Radio Beacon.**
8. Number of objects **2**
9. Distance of object from observer **1 mile away**
10. Time in sight **30 seconds**
11. Altitude **7,800 ft**
12. Speed **175 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **easterly - approx 110° magnetic**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **15 ft long, 2 1/2 - 3 feet in depth**
17. Color **deep gold**
18. Shape **elliptical**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **5/10 scattered cumulus with tops 1000 Visibility: 10 mi.**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **lost in clouds**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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At 1600 P. M., 4 Aug 47, midway between Everett, Mass, and the Bedford Radio Beacon, pilot and navigator sighted an unidentified aerial object. The following conditions existed:

Visibility: good  
Cloud coverage: 6-8/10ths; tops: 10,000 ft  
Wind at 8,000 ft: 270/25 MPH  
Aircraft: 8,000 ft  
Airspeed: 265 MPH  
Course: 240° magnetic.

Mr White, Navigator, called Mr Powell's attention to a bright orange object slightly below the level of their aircraft. Mr Powell was unable to see the object from his position (left side of cockpit) as he had no visibility to the right and down, from his position. But, upon glancing out his side window he noticed at a 45° angle to the left an unidentified flying object. It was one mile away at approximately 7,500 ft. Mr. Powell then banked to obtain a better view. He described it as being the length of a P-40 fuselage, blunt at both ends, cylindrical in shape and having a bright orange hue. The object had a definite shape and there was no suggestion of gaseous dissipation (as there would be if the orange color were the result of exhaust from a rocket or jet air) ft. It was traveling at approx 150 MPH, on a course 200° magnetic. It was under observation for approximately 30 seconds. Mr. Powell lost sight of the object when a cloud came between their aircraft and the object.

AGENT'S NOTES: Mr. A. O. Powell is a graduate of the Aviation Cadet Flying Trng Program, and has over 4,000 command pilot hours to his credit. He appears calm, and intelligent and not given to flights of fancy. He has a fear of publicity. He stated that he has seen numerous pilot balloons, radiosonic devices and tow targets but that the object was definitely not one of them.

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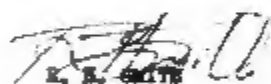
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Summaries of Information

TO: Commanding General  
Army Air Forces  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: AC/AS-2

Transmitted herewith are two (2) Summaries of Information  
regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

  
E. H. SMITH  
Colonel, GSC  
Asst Chief of Staff-Intelligence

2 Incls:  
Incl. 1-Sumry Info  
(W.I. White)(1)  
Incl. 2-Sumry Info  
(A.O. Powell)(1)

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HEADQUARTERS  
AIR DEFENSE COMMAND  
NATCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

15 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects  
(Interview - Walter I. White)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information relative to the sighting of a possible flying disc 4 August 1947, was received 10 September 1947 from Mr. Walter I. White, 16-07 78th Street, Jackson Heights, New York.

On 4 August 1947, Mr. White, Pan American Airways Inc., was the navigator of a Constellation type aircraft on a flight from Oyster Bay, New York, to La Guardia Field, New York. At 1600, at a position approximately 10 miles NW of Boston, Mass., Mr. White sighted a flying object which he was unable to identify. At this time Mr. White was sitting in the copilot's seat, and looking out the right side for other aircraft that might be in the vicinity. Mr. White stated that when he first sighted the object, it appeared to be about 3 miles away, and at least 1,000 feet below the level of the Constellation. Mr. White believes that he studied the object for almost 30 seconds before he called the pilot's attention to it. Mr. White described the object as being a deep gold in color, and that its surface reflected light. It appeared to be about 15 feet in length, and from 2-3 feet in depth, elliptical in shape and blunted at the ends. Mr. White estimated the speed of the object as being 175 miles per hour, and that it was travelling in an easterly direction, on a course of approximately 110° magnetic. Mr. White then told the aircraft commander that there was an unidentified object to the right, and again glanced out to observe the object, catching a momentary glimpse of it before the pilot banked the plane to the left. When the aircraft banked Mr. White lost sight of the object. At this point, Mr. Fowell, the aircraft Captain, exclaimed that he was able to see a similar object on his side. Mr. White was unable to see the object on Mr. Fowell's side. He stated that he does not believe that it was the same object that he had viewed inasmuch as the one he saw if it had remained on the same course would have been hidden from view by that time by the wings and tail section of the Constellation. Mr. White stated that the pilot then righted the plane. The entire incident transpired in less than a minute and one-half.

Mr. White describes the weather condition at the time of sightings as follows: about 5/10th scattered cumulus, with tops at 10,000 feet; visibility 10 miles; wind at flight level, West at about 16 mph. The flight level of the aircraft at this time was 8,000 feet, TAS 270, and the magnetic course was SW.

AGENCY NOTES: Mr. Walter I. White has been employed by Pan American Airways for the past five years as a Navigator, and during the war worked with FAA

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in conjunction with contract flying for the AAF. Mr White states that he has flown with Mr Powell on a number of occasions, and he considers him to be a very stable person; completely reliable, and not given to "flights of fancy".

Related Reports: See Summary of Information, 13 September 1947, HQ ADC, subject, "Unidentified Flying Objects" (interview - Alpheus O. Powell).

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AIR DEFENSE COMMAND  
MITCHEL FIELD, NEW YORK

12 September 1947

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object  
(Interview - Alpheus G. Powell)

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

The following information was received 12 August 1947 from Mr. Alpheus G. Powell, 28 Redwood Road, New Hyde Park, Long Island, relative to the sighting of a possible flying disc 8 August 1947.

On 4 August 1947, Mr Powell, an Airlines Captain with Pan American Airways, Inc., was the first pilot of a Constellation type aircraft on a flight from Gander, Newfoundland, to La Guardia Field, New York. Mr. Powell took over the aircraft at Gander, Newfoundland and departed at approximately 1230 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time for La Guardia Field, New York. At 1800 P.M., at a position approximately midway between the Everett (Mass) VOR Marker and the Bedford Radio Beacon (Everett is 3 miles NW of Boston, Mass., and Bedford is 16 miles NW of the same city) both Mr Powell and Mr W. White, navigator on this trip, sighted unidentifiable flying objects. To the best of Mr. Powell's knowledge, the following weather conditions existed at that time: Visibility was good; cloud coverage was from 8-9/10ths, with tops at 10,000 feet; and the wind at the 8,000 foot level was estimated as being 270/25 miles per hour. The aircraft was at 8,000 feet; airspeed 265 mph; and the course was 244 degrees, magnetic.

Mr White, who was sitting in the co-pilots seat (the right side of the aircraft) first called Mr. Powell's attention to a bright orange object, which was on the right side of the plane, and slightly below the level of the aircraft. Mr Powell was unable to see the object, as he had no visibility to the right and down, from his position. Mr Powell immediately glanced out his side window and noticed, at a 45 degree angle to the left, one unidentified flying object. It was about one mile away at an altitude of approximately 7,800 feet. Mr Powell began to obtain a better view of the object. The object was under observation for approximately 30 seconds. During this time was viewed by Mr Powell. Mr Powell described the object as being about the length of a P-40 fuselage, blunt at both ends, cylindrical in shape, and having a bright orange hue. Mr Powell stated that the object had a definite shape, and that there was no suggestion of gaseous dissipation as there would be if the orange color were the exhaust from a rocket, or a jet aircraft. Mr Powell estimated the course of the object to be 200 degrees magnetic, and that the object was travelling at approximately 180 mph. Mr Powell lost sight of the object, when a cloud came between the aircraft and the object. The pursuit of the object was not continued, inasmuch as it could have necessitated a departure from the established airway.

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AGENTS NOTES: Mr. A. G. Powell is a graduate of the Aviation Cadet Flying Training Program, having graduated from Maxwell Field, Alabama, with the Class of 41-C. Since graduation, Mr. Powell has flown for Pan American Airways and, at this date, has over 4,000 command pilot hours to his credit. Mr. Powell appears to be a calm, intelligent individual, not given to flights of fancy, or easily swayed by what he has previously read in the newspapers as regards reports of this type. Mr. Powell has a fear of publicity and seemed hesitant to even tell his story lest he become the object of ridicule. Mr Powell was questioned as to the possibility that what he sighted might have been a tow target, a pilot balloon, or a radiosonic device used for meteorological purposes. Mr Powell stated that he has seen numerous pilot balloons, radiosonic devices and tow targets, while on flights; the object observed on this flight definitely was not one of them.

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1. Date **13 Aug 47** Incident # **75**
2. Time **1300**
3. Location **Snake River Canyon (near Twin Falls) Idaho**
4. Name of observer **A. C. Urie and two sons, Kenneth & Billy**
5. Occupation of observer **farmer**
6. Address of observer **Operator of "Anger Falls Trout Farm" 6 miles west of Blue Lakes Ranch, Snake River Canyon**
7. Place of observation **As above - going down the Snake River**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **300 ft**
10. Time in sight **momentary**
11. Altitude **75 ft from the canyon floor - 300 ft away from observer level view afforded**
12. Speed **1000 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **East to West**
14. Tactics **Roed up and down over hills & hollows of canyon**
15. Sound **whining sound**
16. Size **20 feet by 10 ft in thickness**
17. Color **sky blue**
18. Shape **oblong broad rimmed hat with low crown inverted pie-plate**
19. Color dotted **None**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Exhaust tubes flame - a red tubular fiery glow at the side of the top or hood.**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **disappeared behind hill**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Urie had sent his sons to the river for some tops from his boat. As they were overdone he went to look for them, when he noticed some 300 feet away some 75 feet in the air a sky-blue object silhouetted against the steep walls of the canyon on the far side. (The canyon is about 400 ft deep and 1200 ft across at that place.) The object was traveling 75 feet in the air (300 ft below the rim of the canyon) and was plainly visible. Urie states that the sky-blue color would probably not be noticed against the sky. He states that "it did not spin like a top". However, he did say that the trees over which it passed almost directly did not just bend with the wind as if a plane had gone by but that they "spun around on top as if they were in a vacuum."

Keith Urie, a son, eight years of age said he saw the machine coming down the canyon heading from east to west and following the contours of the ground. Billy, age ten, another son, saw it almost immediately. Both watched it fly out of sight behind a tree in a matter of moments.

AGENT'S NOTES: Urie seemed completely sincere about the incident and appeared to be a sober, middle-aged man. The boys stated that they had never before seen one of the discs.





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## Heads Up, Folks! The Discs Are Flying Again



This is an artist's conception of the flying disc that A. C. Lyle saw swooping through Snake River canyon six miles west of Blue Lake ranch. It seemed to be powered by jets emitting a fiery glow on both sides, and could well be the inspiration for reporting seen in women's hats, such as a "flying saucer" creation. Drawing by Vic Goetzman, staff engraving.

## Flying Saucer Reported Flashing Down Canyon At 1,000 Miles Per Hour; Two Others Are Seen

By JOHN BROWNAN  
 Just as Mary Valley, and 100  
 nation were starting to fill up of  
 happened after seeing under a  
 words of flying saucer reports, the  
 now Twin Falls county news re-  
 firmed speculation on the mystery  
 with vivid descriptions of disc in-  
 dex.  
 From A. C. Lyle, who spotted  
 the Auger Falls Trout farm six  
 miles west of Blue Lake ranch in  
 Snake river canyon, came perhaps  
 the most detailed account of one of

the fast-flying objects the nation  
 has yet produced.  
 The flying saucer first was  
 glimpsed along through Snake river  
 canyon at a height of about 25  
 feet at 1 p. m. Wednesday. At 3:20  
 a. m. the same day J. W. Munn  
 and Twin Falls county commis-  
 sioner and former county sheriff  
 from Pier also saw 100 regular  
 objects sailing down at a great  
 height near Salmon dam 40 miles  
 northwest of Twin Falls.  
 Here a truck driver brought an

impression of the thing that came by  
 from and had seen both at and both.  
 He reported a round-up was by  
 the flying saucer as it passed by the  
 trout farm at the time this 10 going  
 down at the river canyon at a height  
 of about 25 feet from the canyon.  
 "I don't know if I saw it," he said  
 at about 1,000 miles per hour.  
 Lyle reported that the incident  
 occurred while the 100 was seen  
 coming across the river from the  
 north side of a dam. He had

never reported about what was de-  
 scribed then, and had walked down  
 toward the river to see if they were  
 all right.  
 "I had a wide view at a distance  
 of about 200 feet and almost on a  
 line with the river. One col-  
 lection. Two of the boys, Keith  
 and Bails were to see me and they  
 said it was about a 45-degree  
 angle. They both on a bottom and  
 a side line and we were at local  
 level from the south side of the  
 dam." (Continued on Page 2 Column 11.)



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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **13 Aug 47** Incident # 76
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **Salmon Dam**
4. Name of observer **County Commissioner Hopkins**
5. Occupation of observer **J. H. Brown**  
**County Commissioner**
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **Salmon Dam**
8. Number of objects **2**
9. Distance of object from observer ~~approximately~~ **several miles away**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **4,000 to 6,000 ft**
12. Speed **great speed**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **echo of a motor - County Commissioner Hopkins**  
**hear - J. H. Brown**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S - reflected light**
18. Shape **circular**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Agent could not locate Commissioner L. W. Hawkins but J. H. Brown, who accompanied Hawkins at the time stated that he and Hawkins could hear a roar. They looked up and saw 2 objects flying at great height which might have been between 4,000 and 6,000 ft. He could give no estimate as to size and said they could have been several miles away. He and Hawkins were satisfied that had seen something and were very doubtful if the objects were planes.

From a newspaper account (Times News, Twin Falls, Idaho, Friday Aug 15, 1947) County Commissioner Hawkins said he had seen an unusual object in the air the same day as Urie's experience (Incident 75) and that a sound resembling the echo of a motor caused him to look upward and there he saw two circular objects which reflected light. They were traveling at a great speed and at higher altitude than most planes.

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Incident # 77

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 77

1. Date 3 July 1947
2. Time 1830 Z
3. Location South Brookville, Mo.
4. Name of observer Mr. John F. Cole
5. Occupation of observer astronaut
6. Address of observer South Brookville, Mo.
7. Place of observation High Marshfield, Maine -
8. Number of objects 10
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. altitude N/S
12. Speed 600-1200 MPH
13. Direction of flight NW (true)
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound Loud roar
16. Size 50 to 100 feet wide
17. Color light-colored
18. Shape only concrete evidence of form appeared on left tangent of the
19. Color details ~~none~~ - two dark shaped forms N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)

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An unusually loud roar attracted the observer and upon looking up he saw a group of very light-colored objects at an altitude of about 50° hunched rather closely with no regular formation. The group could have covered 1-1/2° angular diameter in the sky. There might have been 10 as a group they were proceeding as to cover 30° of arc estimated of course in 10 to 15 seconds. If one of them subtended 1/10° with a possible wing spread of 100 ft it would put it at a distance of over 10 miles, and quite invisible for a light object. With 30° arc of travel at a 10 mi distance would be roughly 5 miles in 15 seconds or 20 mi per minute or 1200 mi per hour. Rather fast for a bomber. A 50 ft object at 5 miles dist. would be about 600 mi. per hr - also fast going. The only concrete evidence of form appeared on the left tangent of the group - two dark shaped forms.

These could have been tail wings. But since they were in no regular formation, and seemed to be moving irregularly like a swarm of bees why shouldn't all of them have had wings? The loud roar suggests they may have been much closer and rather small. The sky background was a hazy blue with the sun behind. One plane towing a lot of balloons, the witness thought, would have been easily recognized.





7 August 1947

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Mr. Tenny of Mr. West's  
Naval Research Laboratory,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosed is an inquiry from a letter to  
Mr. James Owen Section Head, Naval Research Laboratory,  
Mr. John F. Gale, pertaining to some unidentified objects  
which are reported to have been seen some time prior to the first  
"flying saucers" in the New England area.

Mr. Tenny states that Mr. Gale is a well-known astronomy  
enthusiast as a result of his training.

The inclosure is in addition to information contained  
in previous letters to your office taken from interviews at the  
request of Lt. Col. G. B. Barrett, AAF 4-2.

Very truly,  
Mr. Tenny

*William F. Miller*  
WILLIAM F. MILLER  
Major, Air Corps  
AMC Liaison Officer  
Naval Research Laboratory

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Incident # 78

# UNIDENTIFIED

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **30 June 1947** Incident # **78**
2. Time **0910 MST**
3. Location **Near Williams Field over Grand Canyon, Arizona**
4. Name of observer **1st William G. McNulty, USN**
5. Occupation of observer **F-80 student, Williams Fld, Chandler, Ariz.**
6. Address of observer **Williams Fld., Chandler, Ariz.**
7. Place of observation **plane**
8. Number of objects **2**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **decreasing from 25,000 ft**
12. Speed **"incomprehensible"**
13. Direction of flight **straight down**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **5 ft in dia.**
17. Color **slender Light gray**
18. Shape **circular**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **Seemed to have hit ground some 25 miles  
west of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Arizona.**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On 10 June 1947 at about 0930 MST, William A. McGinty, P-50 pilot was flying at 25,000 feet over Grand Canyon, Arizona, heading south towards Williams Field, Arizona, when he saw 2 round objects going at inconceivable speeds straight down. One of the unidentified objects followed the other seconds apart. Due to their speed he could see only that they were circular and possibly light gray in color. In his opinion the objects were approximately 8 feet in diameter. He estimated that the objects would have probably hit the ground approximately 25 miles south of the South Rim of Grand Canyon, Ariz.

AGENT'S NOTES: Lt McGinty gave his permanent address as: W. A. M. T. C.,  
Point Mugu, Port Hueneme, Calif.





Incident # 79

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **April 1947** Incident # **79**
2. Time **1100 E Pibal Observation**
3. Location **H/S - presumably Richmond, Va.**
4. Name of observer **Mr. Mianowski**
5. Occupation of observer **Weather reporters**
6. Address of observer **H/S**
7. Place of observation **Richmond, Va.**
8. Number of objects **3 - 4 separate sightings**
9. Distance of object from observer **high altitude**
10. Time in sight **15 seconds**
11. Altitude **high altitude**
12. Speed **rapid**
13. Direction of flight **east to west**
14. Tactics **H/S**
15. Sound **H/S**
16. Size **Larger than pibal balloon when observed thru a theodolite**
17. Color **metallic gray or silver**
18. Shape **H/S**
19. Color detected **H/S**
20. Apparent construction **H/S**
21. Exhaust trails **H/S**
22. Weather conditions **clear**
23. Effect on clouds **H/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **H/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Mason, Regional Office  
FROM : Mr. Wright, SAC, [illegible]  
SUBJECT: "Flying Disk"

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We hesitate to make this report concerning our pilot balloon observations in regard to a flying disk because of the considerable national skepticism regarding the subject at present. However, local newspapers inform us that the U. S. Government admits no authority for such a ship or object and for its flights. Then we must assume this strange object to be foreign. Therefore, we submit this report for your information. If sighted again, we wonder if it would be a good idea to drop the balloon and instead make observations on this disk.

Mr. Minnowski has observed this strange metallic disk on three occasions through the theodolite while making his pilot observation during the last six months. Miss Jaros has reported observing it on one occasion. Miss Jaros's report agrees with Mr. Minnowski's observations except as to the color which she reported as a dull metallic luster.

Mr. Minnowski last observed this disk in April 1947 at the [illegible] pilot observation when the balloon was at 15 thousand feet. The disk was followed for 15 seconds, apparently moving on level flight from east to west to the far north of the station. The object was a metallic like [illegible] shaped something like an ellipse with a flat level bottom and a dome like [illegible] top. The disk appeared below the balloon, was much larger in size in the [illegible], and shined like silver. It was impossible to estimate the height or speed of the disk except that it appeared to be moving rather rapidly. Miss Jaros observed the disk when her balloon was at about 27 thousand feet. All days observed were either clear or with very few clouds and good visibility.

Very truly yours,

*George A. Wright*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 July 1947** Incident # **80**
2. Time **2230-2300**
3. Location **Arlington, Va.**
4. Name of observer **James A. Cobb**
5. Occupation of observer **Lt Col., AG**
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **Arlington, Va. - 2807 N. Glebe Road.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **3/4 mile**
10. Time in sight **2-3 seconds**
11. Altitude **less than 500 ft**
12. Speed **that of jet**
13. Direction of flight **SOUTH EAST**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **Small plane**
17. Color **Reflected white light**
18. Shape **"blob"**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Scattered clouds - Visibility: 10-12 mi.**
23. Effect on clouds **None**
24. Sketches or photographs **2**
25. Manner of disappearance **behind trees**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Observed from a bedroom window as a blob of light crossing at very high speed estimated by observer at approx 1350 MPH. "In color, the object had the appearance of a reflected white light, a cool bright white light with no red in it, like the moon on a clear night."

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OFFICE OF THE AIR INSPECTOR  
25 JULY 1947

MEMORANDUM TO: AC/AS-2, Counter Intelligence Branch

1. Information contained herein and opinions expressed are based upon conversation with and request by Mr. Butler of your office. All pertain to certain phenomena connected with recent widespread talk of "flying saucers".

2. Approximately three weeks ago, on or about 7 July 1947, I prepared to go to bed around 2230 or 2300 EDT. I was living at 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia, with my wife. Illustration No. 1 shows the general layout of the room we occupied at that time. See Illustration No. 1.

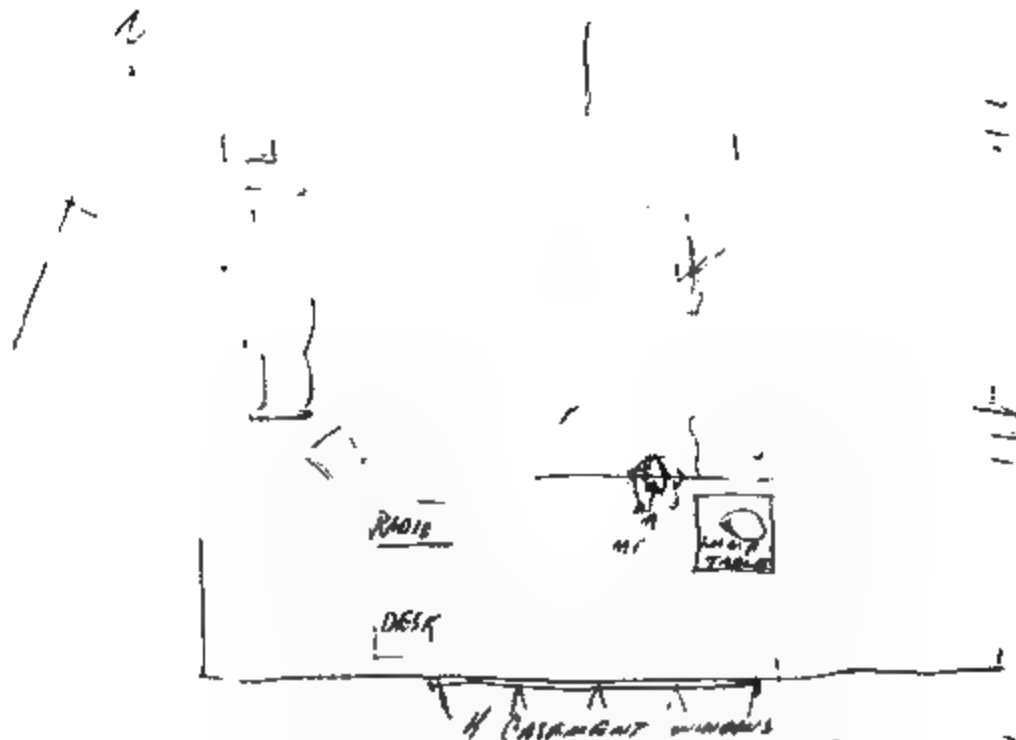


Illustration No. 1

3. I had just turned off the light by my bedside, but sat down on the side of the bed to listen to the end of a radio program before reclining. In the meantime, my wife and I were having some conversation about the selection of certain furniture for a home we had just purchased. At the time of these events, as I sat facing the windows, a light appeared at the right-hand edge of the extreme end window and moved rapidly along to disappear below the trees or horizon, or to be extinguished in some fashion at some place in a general southerly direction. This is illustrated on the following page by a very tentative sketch. See Illustration No. 2.

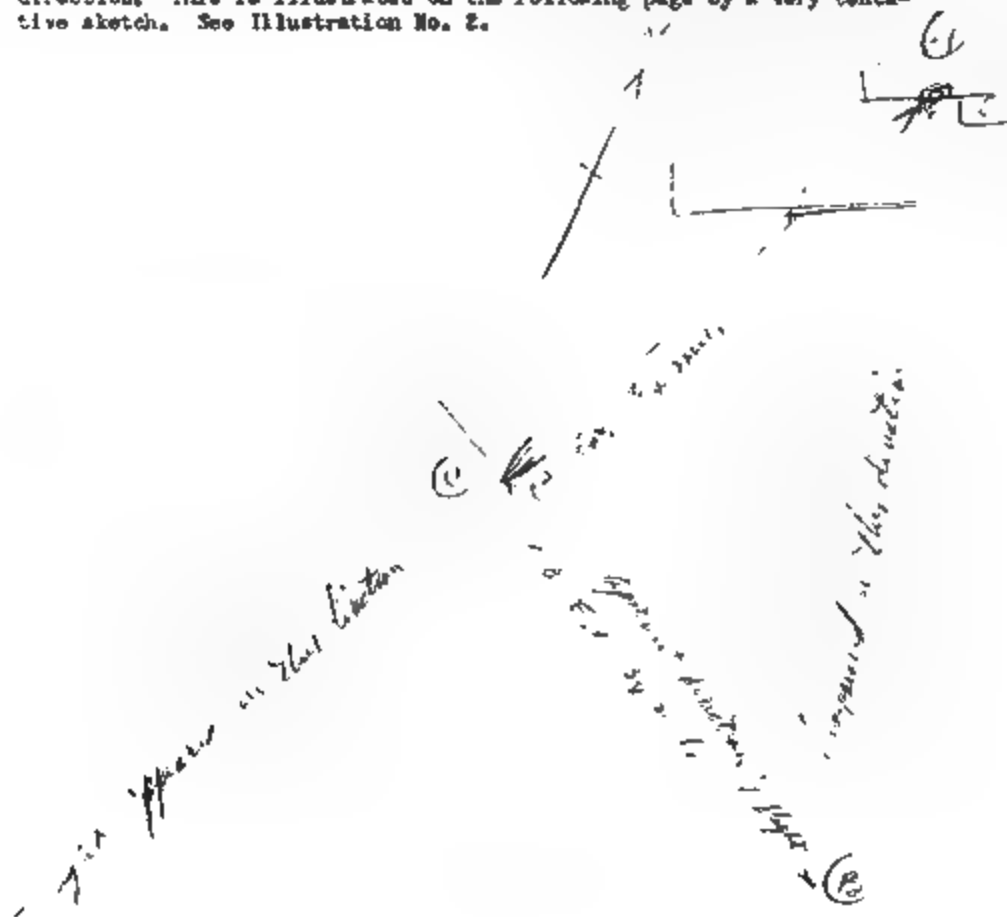


Illustration No. 2

6. At the time, since my attention was divided and absorbed among the subjects mentioned, my reaction was simply that "a light passed by," and I gave no further thought to the matter until some months later, when the thought came to me that I had never seen such an object before, and that although the first explanation would have been that a meteor had fallen toward earth in that direction, it did not have the appearance of one; meteor or "shooting star" I had ever seen. Thinking of the then-prevalent talk of flying disks, I reflected that probably some such thing as I had just seen was the source of a large amount of newspaper and radio publicity on the subject. The next morning I jocularly announced in the office that I saw a flying saucer the night before and thought that it was somewhere in Alexandria, where some of our officers live. I then went on to say that I supposed it was a shooting star, but that it did look somewhat peculiar. After we had discussed the general topic for some time, I dropped the subject, not wishing to add to the supposed rumors, which I envisioned as a source of serious panic over the country.

7. A description of the light, or object is almost impossible, since observation of it was so limited. As shown in illustration No. 2, the object appeared to pass in closest proximity to me at the time it came into view. All of my mental calculations were based upon some impression or conception of the distance at the closest point, (AC). I had no way of judging this, except in the form of very crude depth-perception. If this by any chance were correct, and instead of a distant meteor some object had passed near-by, I would assume for purposes of description that the distance AC on the sketch was some three quarters of a mile. One factor which I could judge quite reliably was the angular elevation. This must have been approximately 2 or 4 degrees; at any rate, the light was intermittently behind the tallest trees forward of my position as it passed, and these trees are of a normal height, perhaps sixty or eighty feet at a distance of several blocks. Based upon a mild assumption as to distance, and a reasonable assumption as to angular elevation, the object would be at a low altitude, considerably below 200 feet, and of a size approximating a small airplane, say 20 feet across. As to shape my have been round, oval, discal, or irregular; as to the speed with which it traveled, I could only perceive it as a "blink." I do not consider the distance mentioned to be less than  $3/4$  mile, because had it been, I feel sure that, late in the evening and with all my windows open, I would have heard some sound, which I definitely did not in this case. It might be well to point out here the relative similarity in size, altitude and speed of a firefly at a distance of 20 feet, an airplane at about  $3/4$  mile, and a meteor at several hundred miles. Most of us are familiar with this illusion.



6. Although I could not accurately judge the time, I seem to recall the object or light was visible for a couple of seconds. Taking this figure literally and applying it to the sketch, No. 2, one could roughly compute the speed of the object at 1350 mph; however, I did not sense that it was moving with such great speed as this. It rather appeared to move with the speed of a jet-powered airplane. It did not deviate from a straight course while I observed it, and did not perceptibly lose altitude.

7. In color, the subject had the appearance of a reflected white light, a cool, bright white light with no red in it, like the moon on a clear night. There was no train visible to me, in the form of fire, smoke, or sparks. The weather at the assumed time and date was checked through records of the Bolling Field weather office, and consisted of scattered to broken clouds with visibilities of 10 - 12 miles. The cloud condition is further indication that the object was not necessarily a meteor, since it might have been impossible to see a meteor. I do not personally remember the weather condition, except that I am sure it was not raining.

8. At the time of this occurrence, I was not inclined to think of it seriously enough to wake my wife and describe it to her, nor by any reasoning to make official report. As time passed, I thought considerably about the fleeting glimpse I had of whatever I saw, and am still somewhat confused, but feel that it was some natural phenomenon which occurs but rarely. I have flown approximately 2500 hours during the past seven years and being generally familiar with aspects of aviation am emphatically state that (a) it was no weather balloon, (b) it was not the flash of a beacon on the cloud-base, (c) it could hardly have been an airplane on fire, since it would have at least crashed in this general area, (d) it was not entirely a result of imagination, and (e) it was not spending much time in one place.

*James O. Cobb*  
JAMES O. COBB  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 July 1947** Incident # **01**
2. Time **0900 hours**
3. Location **Hickam Village #2**
4. Name of observer **Mr. Daniel Saito**
5. Occupation of observer **Air Communications Section, Hawaii, Hickam Fld.**
6. Address of observer **N/S - Could be contacted at Hickam Fld**
7. Place of observation **vicinity of Hickam Village#2**
8. Number of objects **1 - a large balloon with a silver disc suspended below it.**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **few minutes**
11. Altitude **6,000 ft**
12. Speed **slow**
13. Direction of flight **NW toward sea**
14. Tactics **revolved**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **Unsubstantiated N/S**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **spherical - like large balloon with disc attached**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **cloudy**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **lost among the clouds**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Mr. Saito's attention was attracted by a flashing object in the sky. He stated that this object had the appearance of a large balloon with a silver disc (not unlike a camera lens) suspended below it. Although he could not distinguish a cable connecting the two objects he assumed that they were attached since they kept the same distance apart and seemed to move in unison. It was at approximately 6,000 ft and slowly ascending moving in a northeasterly direction toward the sea. He observed the object several minutes during which time the silver disc attachment flashed off and on which he attributed to the rays of the sun striking it as it revolved. He discontinued watching after a few minutes and upon trying to locate it again could not do so owing to the cloudiness.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, AIR FORCE

On 7 July 1947, this agent interviewed Mr. J. I. Saito, a former member of the Air Communications Section, Hickam Field, Hawaii. Mr. Saito stated that at approximately 0900 hours, 7 July 1947, while working in the vicinity of Hickam Village #2, a flashing object in the sky attracted his attention. He stated that this object appeared to be a large balloon, with a silver disc (not unlike a camera lens) suspended below it. Although he could not distinguish details concerning the object, he assumed that they were attached because they kept the same distance apart and seemed to move in unison.

This object was at approximately six thousand feet altitude, slowly moving in a southerly direction but to see. Mr. Saito stated that he observed this object for a very brief period, during which time the silver disc gave several flashes of light, which could be attributed to the lens of the camera. It is noted that he discontinued watching it after a few minutes, and later tried to find it again, but cloudiness prevented his locating the object.

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **Between 17 & 21 May 1947** Incident # **62**
2. Time **Just after dusk - (2030 & 2100)**
3. Location **Oklahoma City, Okla.**
4. Name of observer **Myron E. Savage**
5. Occupation of observer **Field Engineer for Radio Corp of Amer.  
Holder of a private pilot's license**
6. Address of observer **1016 N. W. 29th St., Oklahoma City, Okla.**
7. Place of observation **As above**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight **15 - 20 seconds**
11. Altitude **10,000 - 12,000 ft**
12. Speed **3 times that of jet**
13. Direction of flight **160° south to 350° E**
14. Tactics **straight flight**
15. Sound **loud whistling sound giving passage**
16. Size **bulk of six B-29's**
17. Color **frosty white**
18. Shape **Round but disc-like with no protrusions**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Flaw out of sight**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Savage stated that he realized that the object was not a conventional aircraft when it was at a 45° angle from him. It appeared elliptical and as it moved closer it seemed perfectly round and flat. It had no appearance of being spherical and had a ratio of diameter to the thickness of approximately 10 to 1, appearing thicker in the center. He judged the altitude to be between 10,000 to 15,000 ft and the object left no trailing smoke. The bulk seemed to be that of a B-29's at an altitude of approximately the same height. The speed was 3 times that of a jet-propelled aircraft. There were no protrusions and there was no noise although he thought he detected a rushing sound "like the rushing of air" after this object had passed him. The sound was not loud and did not last very long. He did not know if it was his imagination or expectation. The color appeared frosty white at all times. The object appeared to diminish in size and speed as it moved away in a direction of 330° to the north. Savage was sure that the object was not a meteor and it was his opinion that it was radically built and power - possibly atomic.

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TINKER FIELD  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

OCAM/ABE/CP

25 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECURITY OFFICER, OCAMA, TINKER FIELD

SUBJECT: ERWIN S. SAVAGE, Field Engineer, Radio Corporation of America, Dallas, Texas. (Residence: 146 E. E. 29th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.)

Flying Disc.

On 23 July 1947, ERWIN S. SAVAGE was interviewed at his residence, 146 E. E. 29th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, relating to his alleged sighting of a flying disc over the vicinity of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Subject, whose age is 38, advised he is married and has one child, a son, (presently the holder of a Private Pilot's license, No. 39102, Oklahoma City, Ind.). Subject stated he has extensively studied electronics engineering and aerodynamics, and his present occupation, which is that of an Engineer for Radio Corporation of America, offices of which are located in Dallas, Texas, is that of installing theater sound equipment.

Subject stated that between the days 17 May to 21 May 1947, just after dusk, he observed an object which he believed to be a small aircraft in the south. Subject advised that the sun had just gone down and the moon had not arisen yet in the horizon. SAVAGE related that he and his wife had just departed their residence and had started to enter their car in the driveway at 146 E. E. 29th Street, Oklahoma City. He judged the time to be between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., and the lights from the city of Oklahoma City appeared to be shining on this object when he first saw it. He judged the object to be about 160° in the south when he first saw it, and as it moved toward him he remarked to his wife that "a big white plane was coming over."

SAVAGE stated that when this object was at a 45° angle from him, he realized it was not a conventional type aircraft, and it appeared elliptical at first and as it moved closer it appeared perfectly round and was flat. SAVAGE advised the object, which appeared to him as a disc, had no appearance of being spherical and had a ratio of diameter to the thickness of approximately 10 to 1, appearing thicker in the center, but this could not be definitively ascertained. SAVAGE judged the object to be at an altitude of between 10,000 and 15,000 feet, and it left no trailing effects. SAVAGE related that it appeared to be in bulk as big as the bulk of six B-29s at an altitude of approximately the same height. SAVAGE advised that the object was in his vision approximately 15 to 20 seconds and travelled at a speed which he judged to be approximately three times that of jet-propelled aircraft.

SIMON stated that there were no premonitions or warnings  
by he listened for a sound of noise, and at one time he  
perceived a whining sound like the rumbling of an engine  
for a few seconds after this object had passed his  
ear. The sound was not very loud and did not last very long.  
He stated that the sound could have been his imagination  
if he was not sure of the sound. SIMON related that he  
saw this object but it had disappeared before the  
end. Subject stated that the object appeared to descend  
as it moved away, and it was moving in a direction  
which Subject further stated that the object appeared to  
be at all times.

SIMON advised that he has held a pilot's certificate since  
1947. He advised that he would be glad to  
answer inquiries and will cooperate in every way possible.  
He was sure this object was not a meteor and in his opinion it must  
be a man-made object, probably atomic.

*Kalman D. Simon*  
KALMAN D. SIMON  
C.I. U. S. Army



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**REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS**

- 1. Date** 9 July 1947 Incident # 63
- 2. Time** About 12:17
- 3. Location** Between Boise & Meridian
- 4. Name of observer** David H. Johnson
- 5. Occupation of observer** N/S
- 6. Address of observer** Boise, Idaho
- 7. Place of observation** Air
- 8. Number of objects** 1
- 9. Distance of object from observer** over a mile
- 10. Time in sight** 10-30 seconds
- 11. Altitude** N/S
- 12. Speed** great
- 13. Direction of flight**
- 14. Manuevers** slow roll, climbed with jerky rising motion
- 15. Sound** N/S
- 16. Size** 25 cent piece
- 17. Color** black
- 18. Shape** round
- 19. Odor detected** N/S
- 20. Apparent construction** N/S
- 21. Exhaust trails** N/S
- 22. Weather conditions** part cloudy
- 23. Effect on clouds** N/S
- 24. Sketches or photographs** sketch of movement
- 25. Manner of disappearance** lost sight of the object
- 26. Remarks:** (over)

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Observer flying a National Guard AD-6 was on an easterly heading pointing toward Gowanus Flid and had flown that course for a minute when there appeared in the left hand portion of his field of vision a round black object. Due to its erratic movement he first thought it a weather balloon. Calling the weather station he ascertained that no release had been made for several hours. He then exposed 10 second's duration of 8 mm motion picture film. Centering his gaze once more on the object he observed it to roll so that its edge was presented. At this time it flashed once in the sunlight. It then appeared as a thin black line. Then it performed a maneuver which looked as if it had begun a slow roll - (barral roll) which instead of being completed was broken off at about the 180° point. The object rolled out of the top of the maneuver at this point and observer lost sight of it. Performance viewed against background of clouds. Object appeared relatively as the size of a twenty-five cent piece. Observer could not estimate the speed. He thought tho that it was very great

The [redacted] design portrays the movements of the object. At all times the object appeared black. Positions (1) (2) and (3) show the jerky rising motion. Position (4) is where it rolled presenting its edge to the observer. It then followed the dotted line, rolling over the top of the maneuver [redacted] disappearing at position (5).



Statement of Avid N. Johnson  
at Boise, Idaho, July 12, 1947

To Whom It May Concern:

On the sixth day of July, 1947, I received from James L. Brown, general manager of the Statesman Newspapers, incorporated in Idaho as The Statesman Printing company, an assignment which was in substance:

"Conduct an aerial search of the northwest states in an effort to see and photograph a flying disc. Conduct this patrol for so long a time as you believe reasonable, or until you see a flying disc."

In accordance to these instructions, I took the Statesman's airplane, and with Kenneth Arnold as passenger, flew a seven and one-half hour mission on the seventh day of July, 1947. This mission was without result. It covered an area embracing the confines of the Hanford plant in Washington, and territory between and around Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, where Arnold first reported seeing objects henceforth described as saucers or discs.

On the eighth day of July, 1947, I took an AT-6 of the 190th Fighter squadron, Idaho National Guard, of which I am a member, and flew to northern Idaho, into northwestern Montana briefly, to Spokane, Washington, and back to Boise by way of Walla Walla, Washington, and Pendleton, Oregon. This search also was negative.

On the ninth day of July, 1947, I continued the search, again using a national guard AT-6, this time centering my efforts over the Owyhee mountains west and southwest of Boise, a portion of the Mountain Home desert on a track southeast of the Mountain Home army air base, thence into the Sawtooth mountains, and back in the general direction of Boise on a line carrying me well to the north of the Shafer butte forest service lookout station, into the Horseshoe Bend area, and thence back in a southwesterly direction to a point between [redacted] west of Boise a few miles.

During this search, which lasted approximately two and one-half hours, I flew under and around rapidly forming cumulus clouds over that area known as the Camas Prairie, east of Boise. The clouds were near the village of Fairfield in that valley, and Fairfield is 75 miles airline distance east of Boise. At that time I saw nothing in the vicinity of these clouds.

At the time I reached the point between Boise and Lerdian, I was flying at an altitude of 14,000 feet mean sea level, which would be a mean average of 11,000 feet above the earth in this area, not considering errors in the altimeter induced either by barometric changes since my takeoff, or by the temperature at that altitude.

I turned the aircraft on an easterly heading, pointing toward Gowen Field, and had flown on that course for perhaps a minute when there suddenly appeared in the left hand portion of my field of vision an object which was black and round.

I immediately centered my gaze on the object. At that time, due to its erratic movement, I thought I was seeing a weather balloon. I called the CAA's communication station at Boise, and asked if the weather station had recently released a balloon. The reply from communicator Albertson was that the bureau had not. I do not remember his exact words; I am under the impression he said "not for several hours" or gave me the exact time of the previous release, which was around 08:30 that day.

Upon hearing this response, I turned the aircraft broadside to the object, pulled back the plexiglass covering to avoid any distortion, took my camera from the map case, and exposed about 10 seconds' duration of eight millimeter motion picture film.

During the time the camera was at eye level, I could not see the object because of minuteness of scope introduced by the

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optical view finder with which the camera, an f.1.9 Eastman, was equipped.

Taking away the camera and once again centering my gaze on the object, I observed it to roll so that its edge was presented to me. *at the time it flashed over in the sunlight.* It then performed a maneuver which looked as if it had begun a slow roll, or a barrel roll, which instead of being completed, was broken off at about the 180-degree point. The object rolled out of the top of the maneuver at this point, and I lost sight of it.

This entire performance was observed against the background of clouds previously forming over the Camas Prairie. The object appeared to me, relatively, as the size of a twenty-five cent piece. I do not know how far away it was. I do not know, nor can I truthfully estimate, its speed. I can only say it was not an airplane, and if it was at a very great distance from me, its speed was great, taking into consideration that apparent speed is reduced to the viewer if an object is a very great distance away.

I forgot to look at my clock to determine the exact time I saw the object. The CAA's log of radio contacts shows my first contact to have been made at 12:17 hours. But a few seconds elapsed between the time I first saw the object, and the time I called the CAA's station.

I subsequently related over the radio a description of what I saw, and communicator Albertson may remember it. The control tower may have a recording of the conversation. I have not checked to determine that.

The purpose of my relating over the air what I saw was to enable rapid transmission of the report to the newspaper, for at that time I was on assignment and my energies thenceforth were devoted to (1) transmitting the information and (2) conducting a further search, which I did after landing for fuel and to make some telephone calls.

Chart to which reference is made on page six, statement of David N. Johnson.



This design portrays the movements of the object to which reference is made in the attached statement. At all times the object appeared as black. Positions (1), (2) and (3) show the jerky, rising motion. Position (4) is where the object rolled, presenting its edge to me. It then followed the dotted line, rolling over the top of the maneuver and disappearing at position (5).

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The next search, begun within half an hour after landing from the first one, consumed another two hours, but was negative. I explored thoroughly the region where I saw the object.

Immediately after sighting the object, I asked if there were other aircraft in the area. There was a P-51 of the 190th squadron practicing maneuvers in the vicinity of Kuna, but that was behind me. A C-52 passed over Boise, but I saw that aircraft go beneath me by some 2000 feet.

The P-51 in the vicinity of Kuna proceeded to the area where I saw the object, at my request, and conducted a search. It was negative. During the afternoon, flights of P-51s were sent out to cover the area, and some of them flew high altitude missions on oxygen. These searches were negative.

I was subsequently informed that personnel on both the United Air Lines side of Gowen field, and on the national guard side, observed a black object maneuvering in front of the same cloud formation, which by now had grown so that the clouds reached a probable height of 19,000 or 20,000 feet from a mean base of 13,500 or 14,000 feet, mean sea level.

Three of these men were national guard personnel and I talked to them, asking them to describe what they saw, before telling them my story, in order to avoid suggestion or inference of a leading nature. They saw the object (from the ground) while I was on my second search. They believed the time to have been 14:00 hours. The object performed in the same erratic manner, they said, as I observed.

The above is the extent of the story, and information concerning myself is now in order.

I have approximately 2800 hours of flying time in equipment ranging from primary trainers to B-29s. Of course, that does not increase my powers of observation except as to those practiced daily by an airman. It does not make my eyesight any sharper,

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except again as to the incidental demands upon the eyes of a pilot.

At the time of the experience related above, I had flown fourteen and one-half hours on an assignment to find a disc and if possible, to photograph it. In all frankness, I was tired. I may have been suffering, although slightly, from want of oxygen.

Prior to sighting the object, I had concluded there was no point in pressing the search, that I probably would never see the disc-like objects referred to by Arnold and by Captain Smith of United Air Lines.

At all times during the search, both on that day and the two preceding days (particularly when I was with Arnold) I had literally talked to myself to keep beating into my head that I would not fall victim to the power of suggestion or self-hypnosis arising from a naturally very intent desire to find a disc and bring success to the assignment given me.

I therefore do not believe that I was the victim of suggestion or hypnosis. I am familiar with the optical illusion of a fixed object beginning to move after it is watched a sufficient length of time. I know what tricks the eyes will play as to moving bodies, and have learned of this particularly during night formation flying.

I saw the object appear suddenly. If it had moved in a jerky fashion (as it did at first) for the full length of time I observed it, I would not be so strong in saying that I saw something not an aircraft, not a balloon, and not a corpuscle moving across the retina of either eye. The maneuver described by the object when its edge was presented to me convinces me that I saw an object actually performing in an erratic flight path.

The question remains, of course, whether I saw it. The motion picture film, developed and processed by R. W. Stehr in the Eastman laboratories at 241 Battery street, San Francisco, showed

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no trace of any object. Stohr says that if it was more than a mile distant from me at the size I described, the object would not have registered sufficiently on the film to be shown. He said it probably was too far away to be apparent even through great enlargement of the negative, and enlargement in that case is limited because of the size of the film and the fact I did not have any telescopic equipment on the lens. The exposure was f.16, stop set at infinity, at a speed of 16 frames per second.

I have worried over this matter a great deal since seeing it. I "took myself aside" and said, "come now, Johnson, don't be stupid." But I cannot bring myself to the point of thinking I did not see anything. The impression of the moment was too vivid, too realistic, and I knew in the air when I saw that partial loop roll or barrel roll, that I was not a victim of illusion.

I trust this matter will be of help to those investigating the flying disc phenomena which have been reported.

A chart is attached depicting the movements of the object as I saw it.

This statement is made voluntarily and freely, in response to the request of Mr. Brown and Captain Davidson, who called on me this morning.

*David N. Johnson*  
David N. Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 2nd  
day of June, 1947.

*[Signature]*  
Notary public for Ada  
county, Idaho. My com-  
mission expires Jan







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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 July 1947** Incident # **84**
2. Time **between 1300 and 1400 hours EST**
3. Location **1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla**
4. Name of observer **Mr. Hiram William Griffin**
5. Occupation of observer **"sign painter" previously cab-driver  
amateur artist. Also former 2d-class seaman in U. S. Navy**
6. Address of observer **602 E. Tennessee Ave., Lakeland, Fla**
7. Place of observation **1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla - ground**
8. Number of objects **5**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S one mile**
10. Time in sight **15 - 30 seconds**
11. altitude **between 5,000 to 7,500 ft**
12. Speed **very fast**
13. Direction of flight **N/S - upward**
14. Tactics **climbed 2500 feet in just a few seconds**
15. Sound **whining noise that seemed to ring with a more or less  
shrill whine.**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **"glittery"**
18. Shape **N/S - seemed "turtle-backed" from sketchier photograph  
submitted**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. apparent construction **plastic appearance**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with scattered clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **photograph**
25. Manner of disappearance **climbed out of sight**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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While walking on U. S. Highway #92 7 July 47, at approximately 1 mile east of Lakeland, Fla., between 1300 and 1400 hours observer's attention was attracted upward by a swishing noise which seemed to ring with a shrill whine. He saw 5 shiny objects going upward from 5,000 ft to approximately 7,500 feet in just a few seconds (between 15 - 30 ). They were traveling northeast and in an upward direction as they disappeared in flight. He thought they were a mile from him when first sighted. Griffin observed 2 spots on either side of the missile and an additional spot in the center which he believed to be the tail. The objects did not have wings and the witness thought they were jet jets. It appeared to him that the leading jet (of plastic appearance) was towing the four other shiny objects.

NOTES: Griffin made a model of what he saw and forwarded it as an exhibit.  
(See file)

PERTINENT FACTS: He is a very excitable person, very talkative possessing an exaggerated imagination and inclined to impress people with his continuous mental chatter. Questioning of neighbors & associates disclosed that he belonged to no subversive organization.

Evaluation of source: "B"; of information "C"

HEADQUARTERS 94th COMBAT BOMBARDMENT TING WFB (PROV)  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff,  
A-2

MacDill Field, Florida  
11 July 1947

SUBJECT: Flying Discs.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

On 10 July 1947, Mr. Hiram William Griffin, 602 E. Tennessee Avenue, Lakeland, Florida, appeared at the A-2 Office, MacDill Field, Florida and voluntarily reported the following item of information:

While walking along U.S. Highway No. 92 on 7 July 1947, at approximately one mile east of Lakeland, Florida, between 1300 and 1400 hours, EST, his attention was attracted skyward by a swishing noise that seemed to sing with a more or less shrill sound. Instantly, Griffin turned his head and saw five shiny objects going upward at more or less 5,000 feet and they climbed to approximately 7,500 feet in just a few seconds, between fifteen and thirty seconds. Griffin said that they were traveling in a northeast and upward direction as they disappeared in flight. He estimated that the objects were approximately one mile from him when initially sighted.

However not distinct, Griffin observed two spots on each side of the flying missiles and one additional spot in the center which he believed was the tail as they climbed upward. Because the objects did not have wings like an ordinary plane, Griffin was inclined to believe that they were jet jobs and it appeared to him that the leading jet, of plastic appearance, was towing the four other glittery objects.

On the date of observation, Griffin reported, the weather was clear with scattered clouds.

Griffin made a model of what he saw and offered it as an exhibit. (See Exhibit A).

PERTINENT FACTS:

Griffin, a former Second Class Seaman in the U.S. Navy, was born in Tampa, Florida on 10 October 1923. His parents are American-born citizens. He served overseas on a troop transport and was discharged from the Navy on 26 March 1944. His serial number is 269-0671.

Records at the Lakeland, Florida Police Department list Griffin's name as being AWOL from the Navy on two occasions.

Griffin is presently self-employed as a sign painter. Previously, he was a cab driver, ice cream peddler and amateur artist.

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He is married and has two children; his description is as follows:  
Height 5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " ; weight 150 lbs.; medium brown hair; blue eyes; slender  
build; ruddy complexion; scar on left eyebrow.

A neighborhood and employment check disclosed that Griffin is an  
excitable person, very talkative, possessing an exaggerated imagination  
and inclined to impress people with his continuous verbal chatter.  
Questioning of neighbors and former associates with the cab company  
disclosed that Griffin did not belong to any subversive organizations.

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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Andrews Field, Washington 20, D. C. <sup>1 JUL 1947</sup> A2B

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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CWO, USA  
Actg Asst Adj Gen

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **6 July 1947** Incident # **86**
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **Hollywood, Calif**
4. Name of observer **M. Lenore Corey**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **2636 Magnolia Ave., Los Angeles, Calif**
7. Place of observation **from [redacted]**
8. Number of objects **"several"**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **great speed**
13. Direction of flight **northward - parallel to Ventura Blvd.**
14. Tactics **"rolled"**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **"saucer"**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **sunlight**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Observer was mostly concerned with the accompanying ray phenomena rather than with the "amateurs" themselves.

Perceived what appeared to be milky white rays in the sunlight which seemed to cross and recross each other like searchlights at night. It did not appear as reflected light for the rays were not spaced and were not as close together and they "crossed". However, they did seem to converge toward a center but did not meet in that center. In the vortex - a radius of about 100 feet (it seemed from where observer sat) that there were spinning objects of some red substance about the color of the semi-precious report "Carnelian". These fragments were sharp and irregular and shining. They were flying as if to a magnet. This effect was momentary. Witness then looked to see if the "amateurs" were still there. They were but the same illusion occurred again and observer was again conscious of the secondary phenomena. But by this time the "amateurs" were out of sight.

NOTE: Observer seemed to be speculating on ray warfare, but did not think that "our army would shoot deadly rays over a crowded highway"

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To G. ... - 1952,  
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NA, ...  
3836 Magnolia Ave.,  
Los Angeles 7, Calif.  
August 1 1947

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Director of Military Intelligence,  
War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

On Sunday afternoon, July the Sixth, I observed something very strange: it is related — at least in my own mind — with the phenomena of the "Fabulous Flying Saucers" and I cannot report on this second phenomena, without speaking of the first.

As I do not wish to be considered the victim of mass psychology, a crack-pot or visionary, it is rather hard for me to make this report. I am doing it because I consider it my duty.

A newspaper article spoke of the Bureau of Standards as "Having a finger in the pie" in many experiments so not knowing where to write or who to write to I wrote to the Bureau, and Mr. Hugh L. Dryden has suggested that you were the one to report to.

I had been amused at accounts of the "flying saucers". Everyone was talking, laughing and joking about them and I did not believe in them.

The Hollywood Tarzana Bus was parked at the Tarzana end of the line and the driver was busy making out his reports preparatory to making the return trip. I was the only one in the bus and I sat in the middle of the side next to Ventura, so the bus was parked north and south.

As I looked to my right, a "saucer" appeared out of nowhere apparently out of nowhere and it was followed by several others; they were of uniform size and spaced at regular intervals and it seemed as if they turned a corner from the West and they rolled along at great speeds to the Northward and parallel to Ventura Boulevard.

As soon as I became convinced that what I saw was not an illusion but what every one was talking about I began to study them and it was right then that my eyes seemed to be drawn to this other phenomena in the air between me and the "Saucers".

What I saw was milky white rays in the sunlight that seemed to cross like the search lights do at night, it was nothing like the sun shining on some bright object for the rays were not spaced and they were not so close together and they cross crossed. However, they did seem to converge toward a center but they did not meet there. In this center — a radius of about eighteen inches it seemed from where I sat, there were spinning objects of some red substance

about the color of the semi-precious stone, Cornelian; these fragments were sharp and irregular and shiny. They were flying about as if flying to a magnet. This was momentary and I looked to see if the "Saucers" were still there. I saw one or two but the same thing happened again and I saw the second phenomena for a second. By this time the "Saucers" were out of sight.

All the way home I was trying to find some logical explanation for the "Saucers" but my mind kept reverting to the second phenomena and as I dwelt on it I could not help surmising if perhaps these rays I saw did not come out of the red fragments that were spinning in the vortex. I couldn't help wondering if this substance had been shot from the "Saucers" as they turned the corner from the west on their way to the north.

As our army would not be shot in deadly rays over toward a very crowded highway and as this whole thing seems fantastic to say the least, I thought I had better trust some one's judgement who really knows what is going on and so you have my report on what I really saw, and what I am very curious about.

Thanks to MR. Dryden for his courtesy in letting me know just who to relate this incident to, and thanks to you for listening and I hope that it makes the right kind of impression.

Sincerely yours,

*M. Lenore Grey*  
M. Lenore Grey



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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **8/8 -** Incident # **87**
2. Time **evening**
3. Location **Germany**
4. Name of observer **Robert J. Grohn**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **469 N. Washington Ave., Waukegan, Wis.**
7. Place of observation **Germany - 20 miles NW of Rastatt**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **3 to 10 miles to their front to 1 mile**
10. Time in sight **approximately 3:00 to 3:30 pm**
11. Altitude **Approximately 5,000 ft high at first then descending**
12. Speed **slow**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **oscillating descent - dropping in a spiral motion**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Otor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Appeared to drop**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Observer after reading reports about disc-shaped aircraft recalled a nearly forgotten incident which occurred some 20 miles NW of Rottweil, Germany after the last war.

Object first sighted some 5 to 10 miles to observer's front - at approx 5,000 ft high. It rapidly approached, descending slowly. About a mile away it stopped its horizontal motion but continued a slow oscillating ~~down~~ descent similar to a descending parachute. Then it suddenly dropped in a spiral motion. Tried to locate the place where it fell but it became too dark. The first impression of the observer was that it was a cloud but it was traveling at right angles to the wind.

Date:

August 5, 1947

To: Director of Intelligence  
War Department General Staff  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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BY SPECIAL MESS NGER

Attention: Colonel L. R. Forney, Chief, Security Group

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ROBERT J. SROKA

There are attached hereto copies of a letter received from the above-captioned individual concerning "flying discs."

Mr. Sroka's letter has been acknowledged and he has been advised that copies of his letter have been furnished to you for your consideration.

Attachment

TRUE COPT

Robert J. Brock  
669 W. Washington Ave.  
Waukesha, Wis.

Attn.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Gentlemen;

Recently I have heard and read about reports of disc-shaped aircraft, or whatever they are, in our western regions. They reminded me of a nearly forgotten incident in Germany, after the war. I report this to you because I feel this may be of international scope.

My buddy and I went on pass to see a friend of his. One evening the three of us were driving along some back roads when I sighted a strange looking object in the sky from eight to ten miles to our front and approximately 5,000 feet high.

I immediately stopped the jeep for a better look. The object rapidly came toward us, descending slowly. About a mile away it stopped it's horizontal motion but continued a slow oscillating descent, similar to a descending parachute. Then suddenly it dropped in a spiral motion.

Immediately I drove over to where it had dropped. It took almost five minutes to reach the place but we saw nothing. After ten minutes of cruising around the area it became too dark to see so we went back to town.

I am not sure my companions saw this because it happened so quickly it could easily have been missed, but I described what I had seen vividly that they were as excited as I was. My first impression was that it was a cloud but it was traveling at right angles to the wind.

The local of this incident was approximately 20 miles north-west  
of Haberbslagham. If necessary, I will swear to the authenticity of this  
and to the shape of the object.

Sincerely yours,

s/ Robert J. Sroka



Incident # 87





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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 65

1. Date **3 Aug 1947**
2. Time **late afternoon**
3. Location **Hackensack, N. J.**
  4. Name of observer **Charles Casella, Jr. 287 Euclid Ave. Hackensack  
Mo Trux, U. S. Army, Ft. Dix**
  5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
  6. Address of observer **See 4 above**
7. Place of observation **Hackensack, N. J.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **200 yds**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **200 yds**
12. Speed **rapid**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **revolved slowly**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Charles Casella, Jr. and William Frank, US Army, Ft. Dix, N. J. sighted a flying disc on late afternoon 3 August 47. Estimated it was 200 yds in air, revolving slowly but moving rapidly and was neither a kite nor a balloon.

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WASHINGTON 2 FROM MEMPHIS 8/4/67 8/06 PM RE MEMPHIS JFD

MEMPHIS URGENT

FLYING MISS REPORTED AT HACKENSACK, NJ APPROX 7:00PM, KENNEDY FORT ROAD, MISS.

INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT CHARLES CASSELLA, JR. AGE TWENTY, TWO EIGHT SEVEN HOLLID  
AVENUE, HACKENSACK AND WILLIAM FRANK, US ARMY, FT. DIX, NJ ON LATE AFTERNOON APPROX  
THREE LAST REPORTED FROM GROUNDS BEHIND DESIGNATED AS FLYING MISS. CASSELLA CLAIMED IT  
WAS TWO SEVEN TWO, IN AIR, REVOLVING SLOWLY, MOVING RAPIDLY, AND HEARD A KICK  
FOR A BALLOON. CASSELLA TELEPHONED INFORMATION TO HACKENSACK P.D. INQUIRY BEING  
MADE, BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **6 July 1947** Incident # **89**
2. Time **1:45 P. M.**
3. Location **100 miles west of Kansas City, Missouri**
4. Name of observer **Maj Arnold B. Browning**
5. Occupation of observer **Maj. Air Corps, pilot of B-25**
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **air**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **10 miles**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **11,000 ft**
12. Speed **110 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **Eastward**
14. Tactics **observed horizontal flight**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **30-50 ft in diameter**
17. Color **very bright and silvery colored**
18. Shape **round**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **N, no**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S Disappeared when pilot started to turn into it.**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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# WITNESS

On 6 July 1947 while flying from Ogden, Utah, to Kansas City, Mo, at 10,000 ft in a B-25 pilot noticed a very bright object low and to his left, approximately 10 miles away. Time was 1:45 P. M. and position was approximately 100 miles west of Kansas City. His first impression was that it was the top of a water tank. After checking his position he again looked to his left (elapsed time 5 seconds). He saw a round, disc shaped object, very bright and silvery colored which seemed to be flying 1 to 2 miles off his left wing at 11 o'clock position at 11,000 ft. The brightness of the object was very great. Diameter of the object was estimated as 30-50 feet. It was traveling in the same direction at the same rate of speed (210 MPH) as the observer. However, when he started to turn into it, it completely disappeared. Weather conditions at the time were OAVU.

WITNESS



16 July 1947

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I, Major Archie B. Browning, AC, do hereby swear, this date, that the following statements are true to the best of my knowledge:

'On 6 July 1947, while flying from Ogden, Utah, to Kansas City, Missouri, at 10000 ft in a B-25, I noticed a very bright object low and to my left, approximately 10 miles away. Time was 1:45 P.M., and position approximately 100 miles west of Kansas City. My first impression was that it was the top of a water tank. After checking my position on the map I again looked to my left (elapsed time > seconds). A round, disc shaped object, very bright and silvery colored, seemed to be flying one to two miles off my left wing at 11 o'clock at 11000 ft. The brightness of the object which I would estimate at 30-50 ft. in diameter, was very great. It seemed to be traveling in same direction at same rate of speed (210 MPH) until I started to turn into it, then it completely disappeared. Weather conditions at that time were CATU.'

ARCHIE B. BROWNING  
Major, Air Corps

Incident # 09

Incident # 90

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **29 June 1947** Incident # **90**
2. Time **1:00 and 1:30 P. M.**
3. Location **Highway 17 between Las Cruces, N. M. & White Sands V-2 firing grounds**
4. Name of observer **Mr. J. H. Kuhn, Mr. John, Mr. C. G. Rockwood, & Mrs. Nancy Rockwood.**
5. Occupation of observer **Mr. John - Admin Assis in Rocket Souds Section WML, Mr. Rockwood, WML Rocket Souds high altitude spectrograph scientist, & Mr. Kuhn, Talenting supervis.**
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **highway 17 - ground**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **30 seconds**
11. Altitude **between 8,000 and 10,000 ft**  
(Mr. Kuhn put little credence in the estimate)
12. Speed **rapid velocity**
13. Direction of flight **northerly direction**
14. Tactics **horizontal flight**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Smell **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **uniform - no protuberances such as wings of a plane**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Mr. Kuhn thought at one time there were vapor trails**
22. Weather conditions **sunlight**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **rounded until lost from sight**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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Mr. Kanke who was driving the car noticed the object first. He called it to the attention of the other occupants. Mr. Zohn thereupon opened the window nearest him and observed the object moving at an unknown rapid velocity at an unknown altitude (which he estimated at 10,000 ft.) and which Mr. Kanke thought was between 5,000 and 10,000 feet. When first sighted the object was to their right and forward of the automobile at an unstated elevation and apparently moving horizontally in a northerly direction such as to cross the highway from right to left. The object was seen by all the occupants of the machine. Mr. Zohn could observe no details other than the shape was uniform with no protuberances such as the wings of a plane. It was too distant to enable stereoscopic visualization. There was some solar specular reflection which seemed to change in intensity as the object receded until lost from sight (after an estimated 30 seconds from the time first noticed.) Mr. Zohn could not explain how it disappeared except that he thought the reflection angle could have changed abruptly. The sun was to the rear of the automobile. Mr. Kanke thought at one time he saw vapor trails.



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ARMY LIAISON OFFICE  
NAVY DEPARTMENT  
NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

18 July 1947

SUBJECT: Interview of Person Reporting Unidentified Serial Object

TO: Asst Chief of Air Staff-2  
Collection Branch, AAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. At the request of Lt. Col. G. U. Barrett, AAF A-7, the undersigned has interviewed this date Mr. G. E. Zahn, Administrative Assistant in the Rocket Sonda Section, NML, who had previously released information to the press regarding an aerial object which he stated he saw at White Sands, New Mexico, 29 June.

2. Substance of the interview is as follows:

At between 1:00 and 1:30 p. m. Sunday, 29 June 1947, Mr. Zahn, in the company of the following: Mr. J. E. Burns, NML Rocket Sonda Section telecontrol supervisor; Mr. C. C. Beckwood, NML Rocket Sonda high altitude spectrograph scientist; and Mrs. Nancy Beckwood, wife of the latter, was proceeding along Highway 17 in a North-Westerly direction from Las Cruces, New Mexico to White Sands V-3 firing grounds in an automobile driven by Mr. Burns. At some time between these given and about one-third of the distance from Las Cruces Mr. Zahn, who was driving the car, noticed the subject device and called attention to the other occupants. Mr. Zahn opened the window nearest him and observed the object moving at an unknown rapid velocity at an unknown altitude, which he estimated at about 10,000 feet, and which Mr. Burns, who also observed it through an open window, estimated at between 8,000 and 10,000 feet, although the former was little wiser in the estimate.

When first sighted the object was to the right and forward of the automobile at an unstated elevation and was apparently moving horizontally in a Northerly direction such as to cross the highway from right to left. The object was observed by all persons in the automobile. Mr. Zahn stated that he could not observe any details of the object other than that its shape was uniform, with no protuberances such as the wings of an airplane. It was too distant to enable stereoscopic visualization. There was apparently some color specular reflection which seemed to change in intensity as the object receded until it was lost from sight after an estimated 30 seconds from the time first noticed. He could not explain how it disappeared except perhaps that the reflection angle may have changed abruptly. There were apparently no clouds or visibility obstructions at the time. The sun was to the rear of the automobile. Mr. Zahn thought that at one time he saw vapor trails.

Ltr. AIG, HRL, 19 July 48 to Asst Chief Air Staff-3, Collection No., AAF.  
subj: "Interview of Person Reporting Unidentified Aerial Object" *June 1948*

3. This interview was made in the presence of Mr. H. S. Newell, Acting Asst Chief Air Staff-3, who said that Mr. Zahn had recently been in the Navy and is familiar with the appearance of the majority of aircraft types and with meteorological balloons. Mr. Zahn also stated that none of the occupants of the car were intoxicated.

WILLIAM F. MULLIN  
Major, Air Corps  
AIG Liaison Officer



URGENT REPLY TO  
DIRECTOR, NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AIR REFER TO:  
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ARMY LIAISON OFFICE  
NAVY DEPARTMENT  
NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

28 July 1947

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SUBJECT: Flying Saucers

TO: Asst Chief of Air Staff-2  
Collection Branch, AAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

Supplemental to that contained in a letter to your office, dated 18 July 1947, re interview with Mr. G. I. Zohn who purports to have seen an unidentified flying object, the following additional information was obtained on 21 July from C. C. Rockwood, who was mentioned in that letter as having also seen the object.

C. C. Rockwood reports the object to have been either a silvery sphere or disc, which he would have taken to be a meteorological balloon except for the fact that it was travelling at a much higher velocity than the automobile and approximately in the same direction. The automobile was moving about 60 mph. There was little, if any, surface wind.

When first seen at an elevation of about 45° it appeared about of the same size as the sun. He could hear nothing above the noise of the car. He saw no smoke or contrails.

Its motion was apparently all horizontal. Its aspect did not change so far as could be observed during the time of observation. He thought it disappeared by simply becoming too small to see.

*William P. Miller*

WILLIAM P. MILLER  
Major, Air Corps  
AMO Liaison Officer

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THE EVENING STAR Washington, D. C.

## 'Saucer' Seen by Rocket Expert, Flight Over Desert Described

D. C. Navy Research Worker Says Flying Disc  
Was Unlike Any Guided Missile He Has Seen

THE EVENING STAR  
FLYING SAUCERS

### Flying Saucers

Incident # 90

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Incident # 91

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **28 June 1947** Incident # **91**
2. Time **2120 Central Time**
3. Location **Maxwell Fld., Montgomery, Ala.**
4. Name of observer **Capt Wilson H. Kayne, O-35841, Sq TAC**  
**Capt John F. Centrell, O-357404, Sq TAC**  
**1st Lt Theodore Jones, O-359172, Sq TAC**
5. Occupation of observer **See above**
6. Address of observer **See above**
7. Place of observation **Maxwell Field, Ala**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **Over 5 minutes**
11. Altitude **impossible to determine - great height**
12. Speed **frequent bursts of speed**
13. Direction of flight **changing - zig-zag course - first east, then south**  
**then southwest**
14. Tactics **traveled with frequent bursts of speed in a zig-zag course**
15. Sound **No audible sound**
16. Size **slightly greater than a star**
17. Color **N/S - brilliant light**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **"light"**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **clear moon-light night**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **Some in our file altho letter**  
**of transmittal indicates one was sent**
25. Manner of disappearance **lost in brilliancy of the sun**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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At approximately 2120 Central time, a light, with a brilliance slightly greater than a star appeared from the West traveling in an easterly direction at a high rate of speed. It first appeared slightly above the horizon of a clear moon-light night. There was no audible sound. It appeared to be at great height altho it was impossible to determine the altitude. It traveled a zig-zag course with frequent bursts of speed similar to a water bullet sports and stops across the surface of water. Directly overhead it changed course 90° into the South. After 5 minutes it turned southeast and was lost in the brilliancy of the moon. At 2145 Central it was no longer possible to observe it.

A call was placed to Maxwell Fld operations concerning the phenomenon and inquiry was made if any experimental aircraft were scheduled for a flight in the vicinity but the reply was negative. No plausible explanation was offered for the unusual action of this source of light which acted contrary to any common aerodynamical laws. Two of the above noted observers were rated pilots and the other two, air intelligence officers.

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HEADQUARTERS TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

LANGLEY FIELD, VIRGINIA

IN REPLY REFER TO

DESTRUCTION

7 July 1947

SUBJECT: Report of Unusual Celestial Phenomena

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2  
Headquarters Tactical Air Command  
Langley Field, Virginia

1. The following report is submitted concerning an unusual occurrence observed by the following AAF Personnel at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Ala. on the night of 2 June 1947:

CAPT. WILSON H. KAYE, O-30841, Hq, TAC  
CAPT. JOHN H. CANNELL, O-255404, Hq, ZAC  
1ST LT. THEODORE DENNEY, O-2094172, Hq, TAC  
CAPT. REDMAN, Randolph Field, Texas

2. At approximately 2120 Central time, a light, with a brilliance slightly greater than a star, appeared from the West. It was first noted above the horizon of a clear moon-light night, traveling in an easterly direction at a high rate of speed. There was no audible sound and it was impossible to determine the altitude, except that it appeared to be at great height. It traveled in a zig zag course with frequent bursts of speed, much like a water bug as it sports and steps across the surface of water. It continued until it was directly overhead and changed course 90° into the south. After traveling in the above manner for approximately five (5) minutes, it turned southwest and was lost in the brilliancy of the moon. at 2145 Central it was no longer possible to observe it.

3. A call was placed to Maxwell Field operations reference this phenomenon and inquiry made if any experimental aircraft were scheduled for a flight in the vicinity. The reply was negative.

4. No plausible explanation is offered for the unusual action of this source of light, which acted contrary to any common aerodynamical laws. This report is submitted upon request, in view of the many recent reports reference unusual aerial objects observed throughout the U. S.

5. Two of the above noted observers are rated pilots and the other two are air intelligence officers. All observers were cold sober.

6. Attached herewith a sketch showing approximate course of light.

WILSON H. KAYE

APPROVED ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO COMMANDING OFFICER  
WILSON H. KAYE, 117 0472



Incident # 91

Incident # 92

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **19 May 1947** Incident # **92**
2. Time **1215-1315**
3. Location **Pikes Peak Railway, Manitou Springs, Colorado**
4. Name of observer **Mr. D. A. Hesser, Mr. F. J. Smith, & Mr. L. D. Jamison**
5. Occupation of observer **employees of Mt Pikes Peak Railway**
6. Address of observer **Pikes Peak Railway, Manitou Springs, Colorado**
7. Place of observation **Manitou Springs, Colorado**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **Over 1,000 feet**
12. Speed **Not determined - but very rapid**
13. Direction of flight **westward**
14. Manoeuvres **glitching diving and reversal of direction of flight  
hovering**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **Could not be determined**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **Could not be determined**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU - no ground wind**
23. Eff. ct on clouds **No clouds**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **glitching very fast towards the West**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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During the lunch period (1215-1315) 29 May 1947 a member of a train crew called attention to a silver object in the sky approaching from the Northeast. It appeared to be traveling at great speed. The object appeared extremely small and therefore the altitude could not be estimated. It did appear higher than the top of Manitowish Mountain which is some 1,000 feet higher than the city. No definite shape could be determined even with the aid of 4-6 power binoculars. The men were certain that the object was not a conventional aircraft since it did not have any of the physical characteristics. Upon reaching the area just north of Manitowish the object remained in the area for several minutes during which time it executed maneuvers such as climbing, diving and reversal of flight. This happened every few seconds. The distance and location between views prompted two of the men to think that there may have been more of the objects in the sky. At times it seemed to hover and then it would start on another flight path. When last seen the silver object was climbing very fast towards the west almost directly into the wind.

Evaluation:  
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of information "O"

10.5.47

HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE  
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

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Please Address Reply To:  
COMMANDING GENERAL  
Fifteenth Air Force  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

SUBJECT: Summary of Information

TO: Commanding General  
Strategic Air Command  
Andrews Field  
Washington 20, D. C.

*Naughty Springs  
Col.*

Inclosed Summary of Information is forwarded for your information  
and any action deemed necessary.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*[Signature]*

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Summary of Information (in trip)

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HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, Andrews Field, Washington  
20, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: AC/AS-2

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*[Signature]*

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SCOTTIE THOMPSON, JR.  
1st Lt., A2B  
Capt. Adj. Gen.

*Received AF 318.10  
21 July 47*

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Commanding General, AM A - P res, Wash to 2<sup>nd</sup>, C  
ATTN: AC/AS-2

TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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Incident # 93

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 11 Jan 48 Incident # 93
2. Time 1630
3. Location Hartford, Conn.
4. Name of observer Kenneth M. Halton  
James J. Pargo
5. Occupation of observer Captains, USAF (ATC)
6. Address of observer Atlantic Division, ATC (Sq. "D" Air Evac.)
7. Place of observation Hartford, Conn.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Unknown - very high velocity
13. Direction of flight shooting toward earth at eye
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size Resembled shooting star, observers not certain however.
17. Color bluish center, red on the edges
18. Shape Appeared to be disc
19. Oiler detected None
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails No tail or trails
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Dropped out of sight on the north side  
of Mt. Sun which is near Holyoke, Mass.
26. Remarks:

(over)

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Object appeared to be a disc which had a bluish center was red on its edges and was traveling at a very high velocity. It had no tail nor did it leave any sort of a trail in the air. Because of its high velocity and the short space of time that it was sighted neither observer could be certain of the size but in general report it resembled a shooting star. It dropped out of sight on the north side of Mt. Tom which is near Holyoke, Mass.

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, ATC, 23 Jan 43

UNIDENTIFIED AIR OBJECT: The A-2, Atlantic Division, Air Transport Command reports that while flying over Hartford, Connecticut at approximately 1630 hours, 21 January 1948, Captain Kenneth H. Melton, AO-650566 and Captain James J. Parson, AC-543982 of Squadron "D", Air Evacuation, sighted an unidentified object shooting toward the earth at an angle of 45°. The object appeared to be a disc, had a bluish center, was red on its edges and was traveling at very high velocity. It had no tail, nor did it leave any sort of trail in the air. Because of its high velocity and the short space of time that it was sighted, neither observer could be certain of its size but in general, report that it resembled a shooting star. It dropped out of sight on the north side of Mt. Tom, which is near Holyoke, Massachusetts.

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Incident # 93

Decisions of 94



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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **30 Dec 47** Incident # **98**
2. Time **1926 PST**
3. Location **lat 9.3° N and 114° 22.2' W**
4. Name of observer **Lt Col W. W. Jones  
Maj A. A. Andrus**
5. Occupation of observer **USAF pilots**
6. Address of observer **Hq. Eastern Pacific Wing of AFB**
7. Place of observation **See #3**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S - at 2130 position from plane**
10. Time in sight **2 seconds**
11. altitude **A/C was at 13,000'. Object was descending vertically.**
12. Speed **Very high - unknown**
13. Direction of flight **Vertically down**
14. Tactics **seemed to slow as it neared the ground**
15. Sounded **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S trailed intense green and blue flames**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **See #17 - trailed intense green and blue flames**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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While enroute from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairfield-Hixon AFB on the night of 30 Dec 47, a possible rocket sighting was made by pilot (Lt Col W. W. Jones, Sq 87th) and co-pilot (Maj A. A. Adams, Sq. 87th) Airplane was cruising at 13000 ft. An unidentifiable object trailing green and blue flames was viewed for a period of 2 seconds. The object was descending vertically at a very high rate of speed and seemed to slow down slightly upon nearing the ground. The object appeared at a position of 2:30 o'clock in relation to the plane and the flames were intensely bright.

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Basic: Ltr Hq EPW-PD ATC to PACD ATC, Subj: Spot Rpt on Possible  
Missile Sighting, dtd 31 Dec 47.

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A-2/IC/DHP/mm

HQ AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. - 12 January 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Field, Ohio  
ATTN: T-2

After verbal co-ordination with Lt. Col. Garrett of the Air Force,  
Air Intelligence Requirements Division, Collection Branch, this infor-  
mation is forwarded to your office as a matter of interest to the Air  
Materiel Command.

*William S. Brant*  
*Lt Col USAF*  
For  
JAMES F. BRANT  
Lt. Col., USAF  
Assistant Chief of Staff,  
A-2

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HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN PACIFIC WING  
PACIFIC DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE  
Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Field, California

4-6/40/m.1

319.1

31 December 1947

SUBJECT: Spot Report on Possible Missile Sighting

TO: Commanding General  
Pacific Division, AFB  
c/o AFB Postal Officer  
Fairfield-Suisun AAFld, Calif  
ATTN: AG/S, A-2

*Jan 5 1948*

1. While on an administrative flight from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairfield-Suisun Airfield, on the night of 30 December 1947, a possible rocket sighting was made by the pilot (Lt Col W W Jensen, Sq. EPW) and the co-pilot (Major A A Adams, Sq. EPW) of the C-54 airplane. Observation was made at 1926 Pacific Standard Time, location  $42^{\circ} 09.3' N$   $114^{\circ} 22.2' W$ . The airplane was cruising at 15000 feet. An unidentified object, trailing green and blue flames, was viewed for a period of two seconds. The object was descending vertically at a very high rate of speed and seemed to slow down slightly upon nearing the ground. The object appeared at a position of 2:30 o'clock in relation to the airplane and the flames were intensely bright.

2. A report was received at the Fairfield-Suisun tower from the McClellan Airfield tower at Sacramento stating a report had been received from Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7400 flying near Wooddale, California, to the effect that an object was sighted at 1925 Pacific Standard time trailing several colors of flame with red and green predominating. The object was travelling at a very high speed and low altitude eastward toward some hills at approximately  $38^{\circ} 50' N$ ,  $121^{\circ} 02' W$ . McClellan tower asked the pilot to investigate and at 1958 the pilot reported a small fire at  $38^{\circ} 50' N$  and  $120^{\circ} 53' W$  which became considerably larger. Fairfield tower requested a local night flying C-47 to also investigate the fire for a possible aircraft accident and the pilot reported over the fire at 1937 Pacific Standard Time at a position of  $38^{\circ} 50' N$  and  $120^{\circ} 53' W$ . The fire was burning in a triangular shape over a small area and went out at 2155. The particular points in the fire seemed to burn with a bright blue green flame.

*Line 15*

As a result of the above activity on 30 December 1947, Air Base Museum located at Hamilton Field was notified and it is understood

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31 December 1947

Subject: Spot Report on Possible Missile Sighting

they would dispatch an airplane to the scene of the fire. The California Highway Patrol was dispatched to the scene of the fire and their findings will be reported as soon as possible.

3. The Fairfield control tower obtained a report at approximately 2300 EST, 30 December 1947, from Hamilton Field Flight Control, that a motorist on U S Highway #40, thirty miles West of Lovelock, Nevada, approximately 39° 53' N, 118° 53' W had seen an object explode in the air at 1926, 1200 to 1300 feet in the air. *Aug 96*

4. The Fairfield Control tower obtained a report from Oakland Airport Flight Control (GAA), at approximately 2315 EST, 30 December 1947, that United Airlines Flight 191 proceeding on airways between Medford, Oregon and Mount Shasta observed a flash at 1925 EST just North of their position. *47*

5. Subsequent information on the above incidents will be sought and reported.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Stanley Q. Wiser*  
STANLEY Q. WISER  
Colonel, Air Corps  
AG/S, A-2

Info:

CG, 4th AF, ATTN: A-2

1. AF (SI Sec 7)

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2. Pacific Division, ATIS, ATC, APO 95, 5 Jan 1948

3. The Honorable General, Air Transport Service, USAF, D. I.  
ATTN: SAC, AG/S, A-2

For your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*James M. Williams*  
JAMES M. WILLIAMS  
Colonel, USAF  
AG/S, Intelligence

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Extract from Weekly Intelligence Summary, Sq. ATC, dtd 1-14-48

UNIDENTIFIED AIR OBJECTS: The A-2 of the Eastern Pacific Wing, Pacific Division, Air Transport Command reports the following four observations of unidentified air objects and occurring in the western states at 1825 or 1826 hours Pacific Standard Time (PST) on 30 December 1947.

While on an administrative flight from Great Falls, Montana, to Fairfield-Suisun Airfield, on the night of 30 December 1947, a possible rocket sighting was made by the pilot, Lt. Col. H. W. Jones, Sq. EPW and the co-pilot, Major A. A. Amaras, Sq. EPW of a C-54 airplane. At 1826 hours PST, location 42° 09.3' North, 114° 22.2' West (near the meeting point of the Nevada, Utah and Idaho state borders) while cruising at 15000 feet an unidentified object, trailing green and blue flames, was viewed for a period of ten seconds. The object was descending vertically at a very high rate of speed and seemed to slow down slightly upon nearing the ground. The object appeared at a position of 2:30 o'clock in relation to the airplane and the flames were intensely bright.

A report was received at the Fairfield-Suisun tower from the Hamilton Airfield tower at Sacramento stating a report had been received from Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7498 flying near Roseville, California, to the effect that an object was sighted at 1826 hours PST trailing several colors of flames with red and green predominant. The object was travelling at a very high speed and low altitude eastward toward some hills northwest of Sacramento at approximately 38° 50' North, 121° 53' West which became considerably larger. Fairfield tower requested a local night flying C-47 to also investigate the fire for a possible aircraft accident and the pilot reported over the fire at 1837 hours PST at a position of 38° 50' North and 120° 53' West. The fire was burning in a triangular shape over a small area and went out at 2158. The particular points in the fire seemed to burn with a bright blue green flame.

The Fairfield control tower obtained a report at approximately 2300 hours PST, 30 December 1947, from Hamilton Field Flight Control, that at 1826 hours a motorist on US Highway #40, thirty miles West of Lovelock, Nevada, approximately 38° 33' North, 118° 43' West had seen an object explode in air at an altitude of 1200 to 1300 feet.

The Fairfield Control tower obtained a report from Oakland Airport Flight Control (CAA), at approximately 2318 hours PST, 30 December 1947, that United Airlines Flight 191 proceeding on airways between Medford, Oregon and Mount Shasta, California, observed a flash at 1825 hours PST just North of their position.

Classification - CONFIDENTIAL; source - AWC (Eval C-3)

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Incident # 95

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **30 Dec 47**
2. Time **1925 PST**
3. Location **Redondo, Calif (38° 58' N., 123° 53' W)**
4. Name of observer **N/S (G-47 crew)**
5. Occupation of observer **-**
6. Address of observer **Sacramento Air Depot G-47 #7488**
7. Place of observation **Redondo, Calif**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **low**
12. Speed **very high**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **~~Several colors of flame with red & green predominating~~ N/S**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **several colors of flame with red & green predominating**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **N/S**
25. Manner of disappearance **disappeared eastward toward cone hills  
at approximately 38° 50' N., 121° 02' W.**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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A report received at Fairfield-Suisun tower from McMillan Airfield tower at Sacramento stated a report was received from Sacramento Air Depot C-47 #7488 flying near Roseville, Calif. to the effect that an object was sighted at 1925 P.S. time trailing several colors of flame with red and green predominating. It was traveling at very high speed and low altitude eastward toward some hills at approximately  $38^{\circ} 50' N$ ,  $121^{\circ} 02' W$ . McMillan tower asked the pilot to investigate and at 1958 the pilot reported a small fire at  $38^{\circ} 50' N$  and  $120^{\circ} 53' W$  which became considerably larger. Fairfield tower requested a local night flying C-47 to also investigate the fire for possible aircraft accident and the pilot reported over the fire at 1937 P. S. time at a position of  $38^{\circ} 50' N$  and  $120^{\circ} 53' W$ . The fire was burning in a triangular shape over a small area and went out at 2155. Two particular points in the fire seemed to burn with a bright blue-green flame

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Incident # 95

Decision # 95



The Fairfield control tower obtained a report at approximately 2300  
30 Dec 47 from Egan Field Flight Control, that a motorist on US Highway #40  
30 miles west of Lovelock, Nevada, (approximately 39° 53' N, 118° 53' W)  
had seen an object explode in the air at 1926, 1200 to 1300 feet in the air.

Would appear to be connected with incidents # 94, 95 and 97.

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Incident # 95

Inclined to 97

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 10-20-47
2. Time 13:15
3. Location Between Medford, Oregon & Mt. Sisseton, Calif.
  - a. Name of observer N/S (United Airlines Pilot)
  - b. Occupation of observer Pilot on Flight 141 as above
  - c. Address of observer N/S
  - d. Place of observation on airway between Medford, Oregon & Mt. Sisseton
  - e. Number of objects 1
  - f. Distance of object from observer N/S
4. Time in sight N/S
5. Altitude N/S
6. Speed N/S
7. Direction of flight N/S
8. Tactics N/S
9. Sound N/S
10. Size N/S
11. Color N/S
12. Shape N/S
13. Color detected N/S
14. Apparent construction N/S
15. Exhaust trails N/S
16. Other conditions N/S
17. Effect on clouds N/S
18. Sketches or photographs none
19. Manner of disappearance N/S - saw flash - presumably an explosion
20. Remarks (over)

Incident # 97

5:00 PM  
Div. Airt. #97

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The Fairfield Control tower obtained a report from Oakland airport  
Flight Control (Caa) at approximately 4:35 P.M. 30 Dec 1947 that  
a Airlines-flight 191 proceeding on airway between Medford, Oregon,  
and Ft. Stevens observed a flash at 1905 P.M. just north of their position.

See incidents 94, 95, & 96.

Incident # 97



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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 98
1. Date 2 November 1947
  2. Time just before break of day
  3. Location Anderson Road, Houston, Texas
  4. Name of observer Mr. & Mrs. Albert W. Brinberry
  5. Occupation of observer ~~W/S~~ Employee of Immigration and Nat. Dept of Justice
  6. Address of observer Anderson Road, Houston, Texas
  7. Place of observation their home while lying in bed
  8. Number of objects 1
  9. Distance of object from observer N/S
  10. Time in sight N/S
  11. Altitude N/S - it appeared to fall in a field adjacent to their residence
  12. Speed N/S
  13. Direction of flight eastward
  14. Gusties "spinning"
  15. Sound N/S
  16. Size ~~large~~ - 20 to 30 inches in diameter
  17. Color fire
  18. Shape round
  19. Odor detected N/S
  20. Apparent construction ~~N~~ "fireball"
  21. Exhaust trails N/S
  22. Weather conditions N/S
  23. Effect on clouds N/S
  24. Sketches or photographs None
  25. Manner of disappearance suddenly "went out" just before it reached the earth.
  26. Remarks: (over

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Incident occurred just before break of day. Object appeared, <sup>to Mrs Brimberry</sup> as a large round ball of fire about 26 to 30 inches in diameter with a "tail" of approximately 30 feet in length. This "tail" seemed to diminish as it approached the ground. It appeared to have suddenly "gone out" just before it reached the earth. It possibly could have hit the ground a great distance away but it seemed to have landed in the open vacant field adjacent the house. This field is about 18 ~~acres~~ acres in area. Mr. Brimberry described the object as being "almost round, maybe a little oval or saucer-shaped and giving off a bright light. It appeared to be spinning. He did not see the tail when he observed the object.

This incident occurred just before sun-up and it was pretty light outside.

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1. For the 1st Air Force, Brooks AFB, at Fort Worth, Texas, dated  
7 March 1950, subject: "Flying Missiles"

1. 1-1-50 1st Air Force

2. For the 1st Air Force, at Fort Worth, Texas, dated 9 March 1950

3. For the 1st Air Force, at Fort Worth, Texas, dated 10 March 1950

4. For the 1st Air Force, at Fort Worth, Texas, dated 11 March 1950

5. For the 1st Air Force, at Fort Worth, Texas, dated 12 March 1950

*Douglas H. Eiseman*

DOUGLAS H. EISEMAN  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Executive, Intelligence Requirements Div.  
Directorate of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS  
TENTH AIR FORCE  
BROOKS FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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7 January 1948

SUBJECT: "Flying Disk"

TO: Chief of Staff  
United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D.C.  
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

Commanding General  
1st Defense Command  
Mitchel Field, New York  
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

Commanding General  
Fourth Army  
Ft. Sam Houston, Texas  
ATTN: Asst Chief of Staff, G-2

Enclosed is Summary of Information prepared by the Tenth Air Force  
Resident Agent at Houston, Texas covering a report of "Flying disks"  
received by the FBI Office at Houston, Texas.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl  
Summary of Inform,  
subj: "Flying Disk"  
175th AFHQ, Ellington Fld,  
atd 15 Dec 47

*Raymond D. Stephens*  
RAYMOND D. STEPHENS  
Major, USAF  
Actg Asst Chief of Staff, A-2

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R/L to Hq. Tenth Air Force, Brooks Fld, San Antonio, Texas, etc  
7 Jan 48, subj: "Flying Discs"

AFI 10-4-45 1st ind.

Dept. of the Air Force, HQ. USAF, Washington 25, D. C. - 15 MAR 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air  
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: T-1011

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

BY Columbia Lt The Chief of Staff

1 Incl.  
n/o

DOUGLAS W. STEVENS  
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1st Lt Douglas W. Stevens  
Requirements Div.  
Directorate of Intelligence

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AR REPORT 27  
1957 AF BASE UNIT (RI)

Ellington Fld 4, Texas  
19 December 1947

Subject: "Flying Disk"

Summary of Information.

Interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer L. Brinsberry, Anderson Road, Homotex, Texas, concerning the reported observation of a "flying disk" on December 17, 1947, reveal that description of the object in question possibly could have been one of two things, i.e., a comet or a flying disk.

Description of the object by Mr. Brinsberry varies considerably from that given by Mrs. Brinsberry.

According to Mr. Brinsberry, the time of the incident was just before the break of daylight. He and his wife had just awakened, as they were lying in bed, Mrs. Brinsberry suddenly remarked "Do you see that" and he replied "Yes, I do." The object had completed its descent by the time of the latter remark. It appeared to have fallen in a field adjacent to their residence and seemed to have "gone out" sever 1 foot before it reached the ground. Mr. Brinsberry described the object as being "almost round, maybe a little oval or saucer shaped, and giving off a bright light. It appeared to be such in fact." Mr. Brinsberry related that he had not reported the incident to the newspaper for two reasons. First, he is employed by The Department of Justice, a position which carries with it publicity restrictions from which it is not in keeping with his position. Secondly, he thought someone else probably saw the same object and that it would shortly appear in the local newspapers. However, no other persons are presently known to have witnessed this occurrence.

Mrs. Brinsberry described the object as "a large round ball of fire about twenty-six (26) to thirty (30) inches in diameter, with a "tail" of approximately twenty (20) feet in length. The "tail" seemed to have diminished as it approached the ground. (Mr. Brinsberry averred that there was no "tail" when he observed the object.) It appeared to have suddenly "gone out" just before it reached the earth. It possibly could have hit the ground at a great distance away, but it seemed to have landed in the open vacant field adjacent to the house. This field is about eighteen acres in area. Mrs. Brinsberry mentioned that the incident occurred "just before sun-up, it was pretty light outside".

Previous Distribution: None

Distribution:

Evaluation	
of source	of information
	Reliable
X	Credible
	Questionable
	Undetermined

Cont's Summary of Information. Subject: "Flying Disk". 195th AFB (P),  
Willington Fie 4, Texas. 19 Dec 47.

The possibility of this having been an illusion, caused by a reflection across a window was discussed. A building, which has large plate glass windows, is located across the field from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bri Berry. The lights of a passing automobile could have come in contact with the large windows causing a reflection. This building is almost in a direct line from the residence, with respect to the place where the object allegedly was seen to have struck the ground.

On 15 December 1947, a thorough search was made of the field in which the object supposedly had fallen — no trace was found. Rain had fallen on this field for about three weeks, thus minimizing the possibility of finding trace of the object. Mrs. Brimberry related, however, that her two sons had searched the field shortly after the incident. They found nothing of interest.



DocId: 399

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 3 Jan 1948 Incident # 99
2. Time N/S
3. Location Military Attache, Helsinki, Finland. (official source of information)
4. Name of observer Helsinki Press, 10th Jan 48, Finland  
(USMILATTACHE ALEGATI in Helsinki Finland and Burrill)
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Helsinki, Finland
7. Place of observation Vaaasa, Finland
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Shining
18. Shape N/S
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Long tail
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Eff. of on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: Helsinki press 10th January reported observation of light phenomena vicinity Vaaasa 3rd January brightly shining object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 seconds.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

12 FEB 1950

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RE:IN

1. Observation of light phenomena
2. Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, right-atterson  
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
100-100000

The attached copy of cable received from the Military Attache,  
Casablanca, Morocco is forwarded for your information.

AIR FORCE OF THE UNITED STATES

*Angelo Williams*

Colonel, USAF  
Special Requirements Div.  
Directorate of Intelligence

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RE:IN

APL:Id-CW-2

12 4 1946

SUBJECT: Observation of Light Phenomena

To: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson  
Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: T-201M

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Helsinki, Finland is forwarded for your information.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

DOUGLASS R. EISEMAN

Requirements Div.

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From: USMILATTACHE AMLEGATION Helsinki Finland and Burtill  
(AINGRAM)

To: Dir of Intelligence GSUSA Washington 25 DC

Mr: AGC 2 13 January 1948

Helsinki press 10th January reports observation of light phenomena vicinity Vammala 3rd January brightly shining object with long tail moved west to east visible for 30 seconds. Another shining object seen Pietarsaari 5th January observed 10 seconds from north to south. Eyewitnesses state flames were objected and grey streaks left in sky.

Finland press now using term flying saucers reference light phenomena. Last report was 20th December in Utajoki Northern Finland near Norwegian border.

Evaluation press reports impossible however press claims many witnesses. May be revival another series of alleged flying phenomena. See WIERKA 96.

End

NOTE: 96 is CM IN 826 (7 Jan) ID

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 5 Jan 1948 Incident # 100
2. Time N/S
3. Location Military Attache, Helsinki Finland (official source of information)
  4. Name of observer N/S
  5. Occupation of observer N/S
  6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation Pietarsaari, Finland
  8. Number of objects One (1)
  9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 10 Seconds
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight north to south
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Shining
18. Shape N/S
19. Color detected N/S
20. Approximate construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails Gray streaks were left in the sky.
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A shining object was seen near Pietarsaari 5th Jan which was observed 5th Jan for 10 seconds. It was going from north to south. Eyewitnesses state flames were ejected and gray streaks left in the sky

5 Jan 1948  
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Incident # 100

Incident # 101

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 18 February 1948 Incident # 101
2. Time 5:01 P.M.
3. Location Wrecker, Kansas
4. Name of observer M. H. Krohmal account (taken from newspaper)
5. Occupation of observer Editor
6. Address of observer Norton, Kansas
7. Place of observation Wrecker, Kansas
8. Number of objects 4/5
9. Distance of object from observer 1/5
10. Time in sight N/S
11. altitude 30 - 35 miles above earth
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound One big explosion - "afterwards a lot of little explosions"
16. Size N/S
17. Color Bluish-white smoke trails
18. Shape Mushroom
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction Meteor
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Photo of vapor trail left in sky by explosion
25. Manner of disappearance Disintegration
26. Remarks: Oscar Monig, of the Texas Observer, Meteor Astronomy, 1010  
Morningside Drive, Ft. Worth, offers "tangible proof that the fireball

of February 18 over northern Kansas was just that, inasmuch as meteorites have been recovered from it." There were found, beginning April 21, first several smaller fragments up to one of 4 1/2 pounds. Then a disturbed spot in a clover field led to the digging up of a piece of some 109 pounds embedded about two feet in the soil. The stone is what is termed as an "achondrite", a technical name for an unusual type of stony meteorite. It is reported to be of a type which will deteriorate rapidly.

A photograph of the trail of the meteor, made by amateur photographer Duane W. Gray of Norton, shows the vapor trail left in the sky by the explosion of a meteor which was seen in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, and Nebraska. It was made at Gray's home, nine miles north of Norton, just four minutes after the meteor exploded. A swirle of blue-white smoke remained in the sky for an hour February 18th. This photograph is in file under Incident #101.

Further remarks are contained in supplement.

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323 W. Tenth St.,  
Pueblo, Colorado  
February 20, 1948

Office of the Chief of Staff  
U. S. Army  
Washington, D. C.

Subject: Explosion in the sky near Worcester, Mass.  
1:00 p.m. (EST) February 18, 1948

Purpose: To call attention to some peculiarities  
in connection, whether coincidental or not

According to an AP bulletin appearing in the Pueblo CHIEFTAIN for February 18, 1948, some object was seen moving eastward across the sky on the late afternoon of February 18th, and when this thing reached a position approximate to Worcester, Kansas, exploded, or disrupted, or disappeared. The explosion is said to have been terrific.

Directions given as to the progress of this appearance indicate that it moved from west to east.

Form letter cited in the dispatch under a Denver headline indicates that while many would call this object a bolide - ~~case~~, exploding meteor - the astronomers of Chamberlain Observatory (Denver) did not so assess it. It is said in the dispatch that "we officials could offer no explanation of it.

If this is the case, the appearance is anomalous, and may lead itself to other meteoric explanation.

A sketch-diagram of the earth and moon's orbit reveals a peculiarity in connection with the appearance, which may be significant.

If a line is drawn at right-angles across the meridional position of the site of explosion of this meteor at hour angle four o'clock (local time) and this line be considered the west-to-east course of the object, then it will be seen that if this line is continued outward into space toward the orbit of the moon it will intersect the lunar orbit at a place near to where the moon would be at from 80 to one hundred hours after the explosion took place.

New moon occurred at 9 3 10 H 2 M February; First Quarter at 17D 58 M. February - the moon moves approximately 12.5 degrees per day along its orbit.

It is held by rocketry experts (example, WILLY LEY - see his "ROCKETS", p. 192, diagrams and notes in connection therewith) that it would take about 100 hours for a rocket-orbit to negotiate the distance from Earth to Moon.

Prior to its explosion over Norcastur, this object of Feb. 18th was variously reported as a "falling plane", a "jet plane", and a "ball of fire". It is said by some to have left a trail of smoke behind it.

It is the suggestion of this writer that the Army collect and assimilate reports on this object, with a view to determining where it was seen as an object trailing smoke and where as a ball of fire.

If this object is a rocket of some kind headed for the moon, it might first have been seen as a streak of smoke, then later as a ball of fire, and lastly as a tremendous explosion when it at last reached sufficient speed and elevation for take-off.

The writer has heard the various and unexplained reports on "flying saucers", and bases this speculation upon a logical consideration of various oddments of reports whose significance might be of a space-craft or other vehicles of space.

The so-called "meteoric procession" which crossed Europe in the year 1913, consisted of a number of groups of illuminated bodies traveling in groups of three and moving in "zigzag formation", all pursuing a course across the same streak of the earth's surface. If a line is projected backward along this line of flight it will be seen that this line "comes out" at the position of the moon at the time. The 1913 phenomenon occurred in the mid-period of a series of reports on dirigible aircraft of appearance like zeppelins which were seen over England and whose appearance terminated - or reports on the appearances stopped - just prior to the inferior conjunction of Venus of April 26, 1913.

The writer begs to call attention to the fact that the times prior to and just after inferior conjunction of Venus are prolific in reports of strange things seen in the sky.

Also that lights have been reported on the moon from time to time, back for at least a century.

If in the future of military experiment the moon is selected as a base for the launching of rockets (which has been suggested by some writers), it may be well to look first



1 to reports like this one on the explosion over Mercury  
and the direction of the object involved.

There is a possibility, however remote this may seem, that  
the moon is either inhabited or in use by other than human  
life.

Yours,

/s/ NORMAN GARRETT MARKHAM

It may do not harm to  
watch the moon for  
possible arrival of  
life there in the quarter  
of 30 to 100 years after  
its "departure".  
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(COPY)

March 14, 1948

FILE REF: - SIGGS-4-1

FROM:

Norman G. Markham  
MAIN HOTEL, Pueblo, Colo

TO:

Chief Signal Officer  
U. S. Army, Washington, D.C.

SUBJECT:

Aurora, Kans., sky explosion  
of 13 February, 1947

RE: JCS:

To draw a speculation regarding the above phenomenon and another one of earlier date and to call attention to occurrences between the two which may have an appearance of relationship whether coincidental or not.

The geographical position of the aurora explosion suggests possible relationship between occurrences occurring inside latitudinal limits arbitrarily demarcated between 43° 36' north (which is the latitude of Boise, Idaho) and 38° 10' north (the latitude of Nashville, Tenn.), a belt about 485 miles wide.

This suggestion is gained from positions given for occurrences of aurora between June 21, 1947 and February 17, 1948, as shall be hereafter briefly described.

THE MOON (Idaho) 21 JUNE - This was seen either beginning or ending at 330 pm 21 June 1947 and was visible for 20 minutes. It was in the western sky, was of comet-like appearance, and settled gradually toward the horizon as plane and bodies set. It was seen by Lt. Gov. Hitchcock and Chief Justice Lambert. Its nature was unknown.

The peculiarity which connects this object, for speculative purposes, with the explosion of some unknown object over Aurora, Kans., on 18 February 1947 is the seeming of a relationship between the positions of the moon for the two phenomena:

In the former case the moon was at the date of phenomenon, about 7% 65 beyond the position of first quarter; on the second case it was about 6% 73 beyond the position of first quarter.

Since the Boise object was visible for 20 minutes before it sank this argues it was about ten degrees above the horizon when first seen. Now if a line be drawn westward and at ten degrees southward from the

horizon of noise at 3:30 p.m. and another line be drawn from the position of the sun at one hundred hours before the sighting of the noise object, and projected to the center of the earth, it will be seen that it is ten-degrees-altitude and the moon-earth line intersect as a place far above a geographical position considerably to the west of Cape Blanco, in the "open" or "void" about 700 miles off the coast.

The noise object itself, in appearance suggests a rocket-type of craft possibly emitting blasts to "brake" itself down for a landing on the earth. The description and play of the description suggest this, as also an ascent fixture in space.

ALLIANCE OF "LUMPS" — Two days after the sighting of the noise object a force looked toward Earl Delle saw at or soon after 4:00 p.m., 3rd July, 1947, a "lump" or "blob" as a "lump" in flames". This was seen to rise toward some point in the sky, said to be near to Fort "Lump" and was identified by the Navy as "lump", and not in any form. The "lump" at "Lump" was identified as "lump", was queried and found to be all right. This was not explained.

If this appearance had been of the "lump", there is no telling how far it may have been from the observer.

CASE OF "LUMP" IN "LUMP" — Not far from the location of Delle's "lump" an accident occurred to a Navy blimp, 1 July 1947, off Cape Blanco.

The blimp fell into the water, killed its crew and rose again.

The only one here is that one could not expect to find drastic down-drafts of such violence as to cause a blimp or air craft. Possibly a down-draft accounted for the accident - but if the Signal Officer will look up the incident of the British steamer Talpa which, at the time of the sinking of a Japanese warship-like phenomenon in the Gulf of Martaban, reported a blowing of the engines from some unknown cause, it may be seen that possibly forces are generated in some manner by certain unknown objects at times in the ocean, which may have physical attraction for material objects. This blimp accident occurring in waters where occurred other phenomena shortly to be mentioned, seems to show a doubtful side to it.

THE "LUMP" OBJECT — Early on the morning of 13th October, 1947, a photographer named Ben Debus together with a taxidriver named A. J. Goldman saw a thing "that looked like Saturn with a ring around it." It shot at terrific speed WESTWARD across the sky of the Bay area, and was seen shortly after midnight.















... suddenly, about 1 and 1/2 minutes after he had seen the  
... there was a terrific explosion and jar, shaking the ground and causing  
... all around to rattle. Following the explosion, there were several  
... rattling across the caverns. He stated that an explosion  
... so very ...

... living at Regar, just east of Moresburg, was outside the  
... observed the explosion, looked up and saw the ...  
... stated that it was almost overhead but slightly west of him.  
... it was a big explosion. The elevator car was out in the  
... heard the explosion. He thought that his oil-burner had  
... and ... in to see about it. ...  
... explosion, saw the ... cloud of smoke high over ...

... Kansas News ... carried a story about 6 days ago ...  
... from the north to the ... of ... Kansas, where it  
... disappeared into the sky.

... with ... of ... about a burned flashlight battery  
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... for several minutes. ... has it.

Notes: A copy of Exhibit "C" referred to in letter from Dr. LaParo, was  
not received.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

28 April 1948

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Acme Newspictures  
Division of NEA Service, Inc.  
461 Eighth Avenue  
New York 1, N. Y.

ATTENTION: Mr. Roy Mahlum  
Special Service Department

Gentlemen:

Acknowledgment is made of your photograph "The Trail of a Meteor",  
IC 80208, which was received this date.

This Headquarters appreciates the considerate cooperation of your  
company in donating this photograph for use in an intelligence study.

Sincerely yours,

W. R. CLINEBANK  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

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Commanding General,  
Air Materiel Command, Attn: WGL:  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio.

Gentlemen,

I am in receipt of a letter from Colonel W. R. Glindegar,  
Chief, Tech. Intelligence Div., requesting photographs of  
meteorite trails.

Enclosed is a series of four photos taken in the vicinity  
of Panna, Texas, of a meteorite trail on 20 May 1944.  
These photos were made from 40 to 50 seconds after the  
meteorite's flight at about 15 second intervals. The time  
interval was checked by actual rehearsal.

I hope these photos will be of help to your  
research.

Sincerely yours,



Alexander Lewis



PHOTO BY AL ASHLE

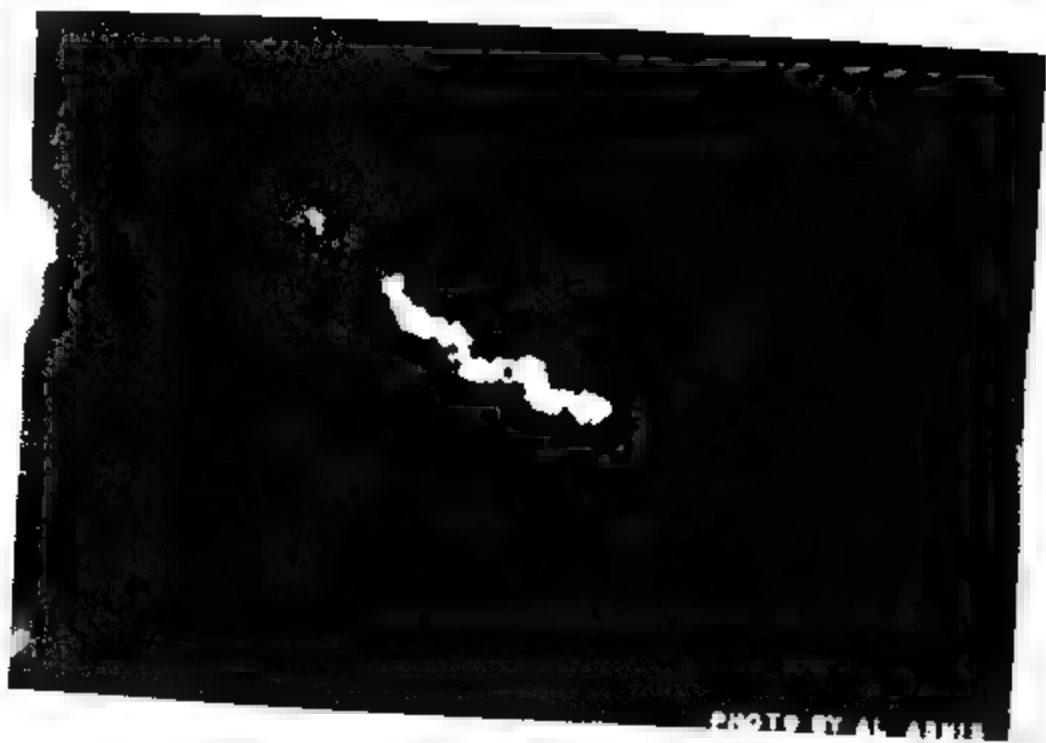


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PHOTO BY AL. ASMIR



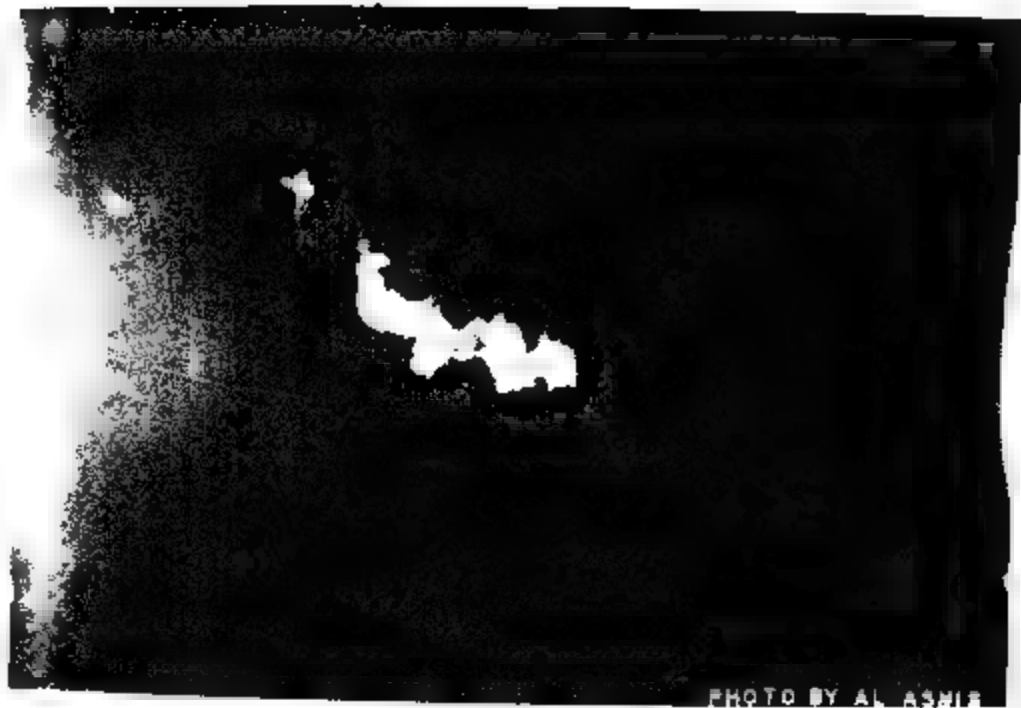


PHOTO BY AL ASHIE

Amateur Astronomy  
1010 Warringside Dr  
Ft. Worth 3, Texas

1948 May 16

Commanding General  
Wright-Patterson F Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Attn: Maj W. J. Faulk (SCIA)

Dear Sir:

While there was never any doubt in my mind, I can now report to you finally that there is tangible proof that the fireball of Feb. 18 over northern Kansas was just that, inasmuch as meteorites have been recovered from it.

They were found beginning Apr 24. First several smaller fragments up to near 4-1/2 pounds came to light. Then a distributed one in a clover field led to the digging up of a piece of some 10<sup>2</sup> pounds about two feet in the soil.

You can get details from the Norton maps I referred you to before, also Prof. E. H. Mininger made the primary initial survey, Dr. L. La Paz came in later and got most of the material recovered to date. You could write either of them for details or confirmation. The stone is what is termed an "achondrite", a technical name for an unusual type of stony meteorite. It is reported to be of a type which will deteriorate rapidly. I have not examined any of it yet.

Incidentally, when we talked together you may recall that I asked you whether you could help me locate a former Cpl. Al Aaris. Trouble yourself no further, as I found him by inquiry thru ordinary channels.

Now I'll ask you another favor. In some possible work in areas containing iron meteorites, I could use a metal detector handily. I have been checking into the matter of what the Army had left and sold as surplus, and find they had a type AM/PBS-1 and a type SCR 625. I believe the Signal Corps handled these as mine detectors. Where could I get technical information on these (instructions, etc.) and where could I find whether some are available? I have located two surplus outfits who sell these, but am wondering if the Army or the War Assets has any more.

Sincerely:

Oscar Nomig

*[Handwritten signature]*



18 March 1948

INTERVIEW WITH MR. OSCAR E. MONNIG  
Secretary, National Meteoritical Society

1. On 13 March 1948, while on a navigational training flight to Ft. Worth, Texas, Major Leivin W. Faulk interviewed Mr. Oscar E. Monnig. Mr. Monnig is Secretary of the National Meteoritical Society. He has been actively engaged, as an amateur, in research on and the collection of meteorites since 1930, and hence is regarded as an expert on the subject.

2. Mr. Monnig quoted two other authorities on the subject. Their names and addresses are:

a. Professor F. P. Muringer  
P.O. Box 1171  
Winslow, Arizona

b. Dr. C. C. Lytle  
University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa

3. Major Faulk queried Mr. Monnig specifically on the explosion of a supposed meteorite at 1705 CST, 13 February 1948. It was stated that this phenomenon was definitely that of a meteorite, or daytime fireball. The most conclusive evidence of this is a photograph taken of the dust cloud left by the fireball. This photograph was taken from a point 2 miles north of Horton, Kansas by Duane E. Army of Horton, Kansas. Mr. Army has sold the copyright to this photograph to: K.K.A. Service, Inc., 1206 W. Third Street, Cleveland 13, Ohio. Mr. Monnig said during the flight of a meteorite outside the atmosphere of the earth, it is believed that, as a black body, it achieves a temperature of about 4000°C. Upon reaching the air layer of the earth, it becomes friction-heated and is subjected to increasing pressure; this causes a release of a trail of gases which usually explode at an altitude of about 20 miles above the earth. After the explosion, a visible dust cloud remains in the atmosphere. The meteorite now usually consists of a cluster of small stones which continue on to strike the earth. Their pattern of impact depends upon the inclination of their flight path with the earth's surface, and varies from slightly oval to an elongated ellipse. If this flight path is observed, the point of impact is calculated, and interested parties, such as Mr. Monnig, make a search for the particles. The particles, when found, usually resemble small stones and are composed chiefly of silicates. There may be a burned shell surrounding the particles, usually about 2 to 10 mm. thick. Weights are ordinarily of the order of a few ounces.

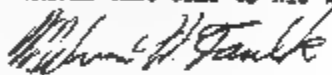
4. Final evidence that the 13 February incident was a fireball will be the discovery of meteorite particles. The discovery will probably be reported by Professor Muringer, since the meteorite is calculated to have fallen in his "territory". It is a matter of ethics among meteoritical enthusiasts that they do not poach on areas already canvassed by another collector. Discovery may occur very soon, or it may be as long as 12 months before any particles are found.

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5. Mr. Monnig exhibited a series of four photographs taken of a meteorite dust cloud or "train" taken on 20 May 1944 by Cpl. A. L. Asnis, ASN 42790171, c/o Photo Section, PAAF, Pampa, Texas. The present address of the corporal is unknown, but his photographs are copyrighted. Acquisition of these and other photographs of similar nature would be valuable for Project "SIG" for comparative purposes. Mr. Monnig requested that if the copyright owner of these photographs is located, he be informed so that he may obtain additional copies.

6. Mr. Monnig quoted the book, "The Book of the Damned" by Charles Fort as an interesting collection of unexplained aerial phenomena. He said that the incidents are authentic, but Mr. Fort's conclusions and interpretations are fantastic.

7. Mr. Monnig said that he will keep this office informed of his opinions on any future sightings of aerial phenomena that come to his knowledge.



MELVIN G. FAULK  
Major, USAF



**TEXAS OBSERVERS**  
**AMATEUR ASTRONOMY**

1910 Morningstar Dr.  
FORT WORTH 1, TEXAS

OSCAR E. MONNEC

~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11/11/01 BY 60322 UCBAW/STP~~



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Incident # 201

(Identified)



Incident # 101

(Identified)



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 102
1. Date 17 February 1948
  2. Time 1500 DT
  3. Location ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Air Near Green River, Utah
  4. Name of observer Leonard F. Marchese (3-2 Pilot, Lt. 28 Bomb Grp)
  5. Occupation of observer Pilot  
Carl J. Stokki, Lt., Co-Pilot. (see reverse side  
for other witnesses)
  6. Address of observer 77th Bomb Sq, 28th Bomb Grp (WH), Weaver AFB, U.S.A.
  7. Place of observation 37° N, - 100° W, near Green River, Utah
  8. Number of objects One
  9. Distance of object from observer 100 miles
  10. Time in sight N/S
  11. Altitude 20,000 feet
  12. Speed Very high
  13. Direction of flight Southeast of Alamosa, Colorado
  14. Tactics Deceleration rate
  15. Sound Could not be determined
  16. Size Huge
  17. Color Multi-colored ball of fire
  18. Shape like multi-colored ball of fire and dense cloud of smoke
  19. Odor detected N/S
  20. Apparent construction N/S
  21. Exhaust trails Vapor trail with ball of fire at head of trail
  22. Weather conditions Clear
  23. Effect on clouds N/S
  24. Sketches or photographs None
  25. Manner of disappearance N/S
  26. Remarks: ~~None~~ Over

A huge multi-colored ball of fire trailing a dense cloud of smoke was sighted at approx 1500 hours MST 16 Feb 48, 35° N-100° W at approx 20,000 ' by two B-29 aircraft of the 28th Bombardment Group (WH). It was seen some 100 miles southeast of the B-29s. Size was estimated as huge altho impossible to determine accurately due to the distance. It was traveling at very high speed and heading southeast of Limón, Colorado, at approx 20,000 ft.

Witnesses: Capt Edward E. Barrett, AO-109504, 716th Bomb Sq  
28th Bomb Grp (WH). Pilot of 1st B-29

Capt Maurice T. Hittner, AO-146043, 716th Bomb Sq  
28th Bomb Grp (WH). Co-Pilot of 1st B-29.

1st Lt Leonard F. Norcross, AO-748714, 77th Bomb  
Sq., 28th Bomb Grp (WH). Pilot of 2nd B-29

1st Lt. Carl V. Stanki, AO-789916, 77th Bomb Sq.  
28th Bomb Grp (WH). Co-Pilot of 2nd B-29.

NOTE See Incident 101 - Hurricane Kansas.

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HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING (VH)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
Haver Air Force Base  
Haver, South Dakota

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A-2 350.69

26 February 1948.

SUBJECT: Smoking Object.

TO: Commanding General,  
Air Materiel Command,  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base,  
Dayton, Ohio.  
ATTN: TIEDER.

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation Number 49-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base 20, D.C., dated 19 February 1948, 19<sup>th</sup> M.A. 1008 H, approximately 20,000' by two B-29 aircrafts of 28th Bombardment Group (VH), assigned this command:

a. Smoking Object sighted approximately 1500 hour MST, 18 February 1948, 19<sup>th</sup> M.A. 1008 H, approximately 20,000' by two B-29 aircrafts of 28th Bombardment Group (VH), assigned this command.

b. Weather at the time: Clear.

c. Names, Occupations, and addresses of Witnesses:

Captain, Howard H. Barott, AO-49904, 718th Bomb Sq,  
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 1st B-29.

Captain, Maurice T. Ritenour, AO-48043, 718th Bomb Sq,  
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Co-Pilot of 1st B-29.

1st Lt. Leonard P. Marchese, AO-748714, 77th Bomb Sq,  
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Pilot of 2nd B-29.

1st Lt. Carl W. Stucchi, AO-785916, 77th Bomb Sq,  
28th Bomb Gp (VH). Co-Pilot of 2nd B-29.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: None available.

e. Distances of object's configuration: None.

f. Object sighted: Smoking Object.

(1) Number: One (1).

(2) Shape: Large multi-colored ball of fire and a dense  
plume of smoke (vertical)

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See Ltr, file A-2 390-09, Hq 28th Bomb Wing (WB), Weaver Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota, dated 26 February 1948, Cont'd.

1. (Continued).

- (3) Size: Huge size, seen 100 miles southeast of the C-29s. At this distance was impossible to accurately figure the size.
- (4) Color: Multi-colored ball of fire and a dense cloud of smoke.
- (5) Speed: very high speed.
- (6) Heading: Southeast of Limon, Colorado.
- (7) Maneuverability: explosion rate.
- (8) Altitude: approximately 20,000'.
- (9) Sound: could not be observed, because personnel were in B-29s Aircraft at approximately 10,000' at the time.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not: A vapor trail with a ball of fire at the head of trail.

FOR THE COMMANDER OFFICER

BENJAMIN C. MARSHALL,  
Captain, USAF,  
Intelligence Officer.

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Incident # 102

Incident # 103



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 103

1. Date 12 February 1948
2. Time 1900 H
3. Location ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Air near Green River Utah
4. Name of observer Lt. Edward G. credit - Capt. Maurice T. Ritenour  
(See Inc 102 - corroboration)
5. Occupation of observer pilot
6. Address of observer 712th Tank Sq, 28th Bomb Gp (VI) Heavy AB, Cal.
7. Place of observation 30° N - 100° W - Near Green River, Utah
  - a. Number of objects 1
  - b. Distance of object from observer 100 miles
8. Time in sight N/S
9. Altitude 2,000 feet
10. Speed very fast
11. Direction of flight 0° - 180° (North - South)
12. Tactics explosion rate
13. Sound could not be heard within 100 miles
14. Size 10 (100 ft) (100 ft) (100 ft)
15. Color multi-colored ball of fire
16. Shape multi-colored ball of fire and dense cloud of smoke followed
17. Color detected N/S
18. Apparent construction N/S
19. Exhaust trails Vapor trail with a ball of fire at the head of trail
20. Weather conditions Clear
21. Effect on clouds N/S
22. Sketches or photographs None
23. Manner of disappearance N/S
24. Remarks: None - Same as incident 102 which see

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HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING (WH)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
Weaver Air Force Base  
Weaver, South Dakota

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A-2 350.09

26 Februar, 1948.

SUBJECT: Smoking Object.

TO: Commanding General,  
Air Materiel Command,  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base,  
Dayton, Ohio.  
ATTN: TSDIN.

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation Number 45-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base 20, D.C., dated 19 February 1948, the following information is submitted for your information and guidance:

a. Smoking Object sighted approximately 1500 hour MST, 18 February 1948, 39° N - 100° W approximately 20,000' by two B-29 Aircrafts of 28th Bombardment Group (WH), assigned this command.

b. Weather at the time: Clear.

c. Names, Occupations, and addresses of Witnesses:

Captain, Howard H. Berrett, AO-49504, 715th Bomb Sq,  
28th Bomb Gp (WH). Pilot of 1st B-29.

Captain, Maurice T. Ritencour, AO-48043, 715th Bomb Sq,  
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1st Lt. Carl W. Stucki, AO-785916, 77th Bomb Sq,  
28th Bomb Gp (WH). Co-Pilot of 2nd B-29.

d. Photographs of objects, if available: None available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: None.

f. Object sighted: Smoking Object.

(1) Number: One (1).

(2) Shape: Huge multi-colored ball of fire and a dense cloud of smoke followed.

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Enc Ltr, file A-2 350.09, Hq 28th Bomb Wing (WH), Weaver Air Force Base,  
Weaver, South Dakota, dated 26 February 1968, Cont'd.

f. (Continued).

- (3) Size: Huge Size, seen 100 miles southeast of the B-29s. At this distance was impossible to accurately figure the size.
- (4) Color: Multi-colored ball of fire and a dense cloud of smoke.
- (5) Speed: Very high speed.
- (6) Heading: Southeast of Limon, Colorado.
- (7) Maneuverability: Explosion rate.
- (8) Altitude: Approximately 20,000'.
- (9) Sound: Could not be observed, because personnel were in B-29s Aircraft at approximately 10,000' at the time.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not: A vapor trail with a ball of fire at the head of trail.

~~FOR THE MUSEUM ONLY~~

  
BENJAMIN C. MARSHALL,  
Captain, USAF,  
Intelligence Officer.

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Incident # 103



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **7 Nov 45** Incident # **104**
2. Time **2055 G**
3. Location **Smyrna, Tenn.**
4. Name of observer **Frank L. Fenn, Maj, USAF, GS, Smyrna AF Base**
5. Occupation of observer **Col Richard G. Pittingill & Pvt Frank C. Johnson,  
= CO of Smyrna & radio and tower operators**
6. Address of observer **AACS Station  
Smyrna AAF, Smy Smyrna, Tenn**
7. Place of observation **Smyrna AAF - 6 miles from (ground)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **6 miles**
10. Time in sight **45 minutes**
11. Altitude **About 5° above horizon**
12. Speed **very slow**
13. Direction of flight **NE way from Smyrna**
14. Factors **N/S Total way**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **Unknown**
17. Color **yellow-orange**
18. Shape **oval**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S - seemed to be flare**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **CAU - 10 miles**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **Figs (2) showing yellow orange flame-like oval**
25. Manner of disappearance **Entered into horizon**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

A yellow-orange object which had the appearance of a flare was observed some six miles from Myrna AFB between the west and northwest just above the horizon and moving directly away from Myrna. The speed was estimated as slow since the object remained visible some forty-five minutes. It gradually faded away disappearing into the horizon. No exhaust trail was seen and a sound was heard.

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HEADQUARTERS  
SMYRNA ARMY AIR FIELD  
Smyrna, Tennessee

ROUTINE

8 March 1948

SUBJECT: Sighting of So-Called "Flying Discs"

TO : Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson AF Base  
Dayton, Ohio.  
Attn: MEI

1. In compliance with letter Hq. Tactical Air Command, subject "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs" dated 16 February 1948, the following information is submitted:

- a. Object sighted 7 March 1948 at 2055C, situated between west ~~and~~ northwest, at an estimated six miles distance.
- b. Weather clear, visibility ten miles.
- c. Witnesses: Frank L. Fenn, Major, USAF, Commanding Officer, Smyrna AF Base, Cpl. Richard C. Fettingill and Pvt. Frank C. Johnson, radio and tower operators, AACS station, Smyrna AF Base.
- d. No photographs available.
- e.
- f. (1) Number: One  
(2) Shape: See above sketches  
(3) Size: Unknown  
(4) Color: Yellow-orange  
(5) Speed: Unknown, estimated very slow.  
(6) Object faded away in direction of heading in about forty-five minutes.  
(7) Maneuverability: Unknown, faded toward horizon.  
(8) Altitude: Unknown, about five degrees above horizon.

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(contd)

- (9) Sounds: None heard.
- (10) Exhaust trail: No exhaust seen.

g. General Remarks: Object had appearance of a flare, moving directly away from this station and fading out in the distance, hovering just above horizon.



FRANK L. FINK,  
Major, USAF,  
Commanding.

Incidents # 104

Invent date 4 1099

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **8 Mar 48** Incident #105
2. Time **1100**
3. Location **Belmont, N. C.**
4. Name of observer **Mr. A. C. Morrison**
5. Occupation of observer **Supt. Meter Dept, Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.**
6. Address of observer **Charlotte, N. C. (Duke Power Co.)**
7. Place of observation **Belmont, N. C. (Sighted from ground)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **about 10 seconds**
11. Altitude **N/S - could not be estimated**
12. Speed **Around 600 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **Easterly**
14. Tactics **None - moved in straight line at constant speed without change in altitude or direction**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **From a distance - that of a small coin**
17. Color **Bright or silver - looked metallic**
18. Shape **round or sphere (unable to determine which)**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **Metallic**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with scattered white clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **behind small white cloud**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

A round metallic-type ring object moving very rapidly at an estimated speed of 600 MPH was observed near Belmont, N. C., at approx 11.0 the morning of 8 Mar 48. The weather was clear with excellent visibility with a few small scattered fleecy white clouds. It could not be determined if the object were a disc or sphere. Its apparent size was that of a small coin of a bright or silver color. It reflected the sun maintaining a steady reflection which did not flicker. The object which was under observation for some 10 seconds was on an easterly heading and moved in a straight line at a constant speed without apparent change in altitude or direction. It was impossible to determine the altitude but it was moving above the clouds. No sound of any kind was heard nor was any exhaust trail observed.

NOTE: Witness (Mr Morrison) is a man of excellent character and reputation, a first-grade engineer and employee of Duke Power Co for some 30 years. He impressed the agent as being conservative and sound and is a technical man with a very technical and respectable position.

Mr. Morrison was careful in his statements. He does not claim he saw the "flying disc", merely stating claiming that they saw an object which they could not identify with any natural phenomenon or known type of aircraft. It resembled "a round metallic type ring object moving very rapidly."

Witnesses: Mr. Hendrix, Assistant Superintendent, Water Dept  
Duke Power Co., Charlotte, N. C.  
Mr. S. W. Jordan, Gastonia Electric Co.,  
Gastonia, N. C.

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Charlotte, N. C.  
May, 7, 1948

Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
Att. #ICA

Gentlemen,

Reference is made to your letter of 21 April to me from  
Col. W. R. Clingerman (signed by Lt. Col. W. J. Gadsman)  
in reply to my report of 15 April, subject: "Sighting of  
unconventional aircraft."

The weather bureau at Morris field (about five miles from  
the Imperial Cotton Mills, Belmont, N. C. - where object was  
sighted) reports that the weather on 8 March 1948 at 1100 hrs.  
was stratified ceiling, clouds about .1, high (above 10,000 ft.)  
thin cirrus, estimated at 30,000 ft at 1130 hrs. Morris field  
says that these conditions were general over a large area, and  
undoubtedly the same over the sighting spot as they were at the  
weather station at Morris field.

We interviewed the witness, Mr. A. C. Morrison again and he  
says that since he is not a trained aerial observer and does  
not know either the actual size of the object or the distance,  
would be unable to estimate horizontal or slant range, or  
determine whether the object appeared to be large at a great  
distance, or smaller at a lesser distance. There are no other  
known observers other than Mr. Morrison and his party.

Mr. Morrison added nothing further to the original report,  
except that he seems to be of the impression that the object  
was a disc rather than a sphere, but I don't see how he could  
determine this under the conditions, and since he was uncertain  
in his original report, believe it should probably be discounted.  
He was quite insistent that he heard no sound, and that it wasn't  
in his opinion a conventional type airplane.

It is regretted that no more information is available.

Yours very truly,

*James Y. Rogers, Jr.*  
James Y. Rogers, Jr.,  
Lt. Col. (Res)  
2131 McClinton Rd.,  
Charlotte, N. C.



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MCIA/SCB/mab  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
EX-100  
21 April 1948

MCIA

1st Colonel James Y. Rogers  
1111 ~~Williamson Road~~  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Colonel Rogers:

Reference is made to your letter, subject: "Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft" to Hq, Third Army, Attn: AC of S, G-3, dated 15 April 1948.

It is requested that an estimate of the height of the clouds at 1100 hours on 8 March 1948 be secured from the Belmont, N. C. Weather Bureau. It is further requested that Mr. Morrison be interviewed once more for the purpose of securing the following:

- a. An estimation of the horizontal or slant range from his position to the object.
- b. Whether or not the object gave the appearance of immense size at great height or that of medium size at a lesser altitude.
- c. In the event the object sighted gave the appearance of great size, are there any other known observers not in the immediate vicinity of Mr. Morrison and his companions?

Any further information available on this or other sightings of this nature would be greatly appreciated by this Headquarters.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. CLIFORD  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

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AJACI-8  
(15 Apr 48)  
HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 18 April 1948

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TO: COMUSMACV, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MOI

1. TTX forwarded this date.
2. Basic communication is forwarded for more detailed information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

WALTER A. BUCK  
Colonel, USA  
AC of S, USA

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The unclassified talked to Mr. A. J. Morrison, but neither of  
the witnesses. Mr. Morrison is a man of excellent character, is  
a first grade engineer, and employee of the power co. for  
years. He is known to the unclassified through close friend  
relationships. He is a technical man with a very practical and responsible  
nature. He is a man of high character and a man of high work of  
a specialized nature.

Mr. Morrison is careful in his statements outlined above. He  
and other witnesses saw a flying disc.  
They claim that because of their position they could not  
identify any real phenomenon or know type of aircraft.  
He is in his own mind that it did not resemble any  
conventional aircraft, that it was "a round metallic something  
that was very rapidly." He states that there is absolutely  
no doubt in his mind or that of the other two witnesses that they  
saw something very clearly of the above description, and that their  
recollection of the same has not faded and that it disappeared as it

Mr. Morrison stated that he will not discuss in any  
manner the details of the incident, but he stated the above  
facts as a fact which he is sure of. He stated that the object  
was a round metallic disc from which the witnesses saw the  
object as it was working on a level line  
and he has a hand-drawn diagram of their exact position.

Other information concerning Mr. Morrison and Mr.  
Morrison could not be obtained from the personnel list of  
the power co. The unclassified knows nothing about the reference  
to the third witness, Mr. Jordan.

The unclassified has no further information on which  
to make a report, but from talking to Mr. Morrison feels that  
the other witnesses saw something which they could not identify,  
and the details of the object in their own minds are  
as presented above. Mr. Morrison repeated that he was quite  
positive that the object was not an airplane.

James Y. Meyers, Jr.  
Lt Col, G-1 (Res)  
O-403612  
S.G. 317th Composite Grp

Personal address  
2131 McClintock Rd.,  
Charlotte, N.C.

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**Project "SIG"**

**Director of Intelligence  
General Staff  
United States Army  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTENTION: CGOIB**

**The attached copy of teletype from Fort McPherson, Georgia, is  
forwarded for your information.**

**See the Enclosed Copy.**

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by teletype fr  
74 McPherson**

**H. N. MOOT  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief of Intelligence**

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December 4, 2019



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 5 March 1948 Incident # 106
2. Time 1610 - 1655
3. Location Buena Vista, California
4. Name of observer George L. Bushner
5. Occupation of observer I/S
6. Address of observer Buena Vista, California
7. Place of observation Buena Vista, southwest toward Buena Vista Lane, Calif.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 10 - 12 miles
10. Time in sight I/S
11. Altitude I/S
12. Speed /
13. Direction of flight SW
14. Tactics /
15. Sound /
16. Size /
17. Color brown, by on fire, black and red smoke trailing behind
18. Shape Similar to falling aircraft
19. Odor detected I/S
20. Apparent construction I/S
21. Exhaust trails brownish-white smoke and debris trailing
22. Weather conditions I/S
23. Effect on clouds I/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance behind a water tower, which was an obstruction to the view
26. Remarks: Comments of G. L. Bushner and other witnesses to this sighting contained in attached supplement.

(over)

Black egg used to be a brown of false airplane  
... and left a brownish-white plumage  
... stayed and drooping  
... what appeared to be a person + was seen  
... about 10-12 miles distant  
... common that the  
... was



HEADQUARTERS FOURTH AIR FORCE  
Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2  
Intelligence  
Hamilton Field, California

LA-78-3/1206-1

STWJ 7 Investigation of Flight Disc.

Mar 11, 1948

TO: Chief of Staff  
United States Air Forces  
in Europe, U.S.  
ATTN: WING COMMANDER & INFLUENCE  
Air Intelligence Requirements Branch

1. Incident reported on 7 March 1948, to this headquarters, per telephone call from Sgt. W. W. Larsen, Sheriff's office, Ukiah field, California.

2. Observation by W. (Sergeant L) Losacher, Ukiah field, California, of two objects falling to earth from unknown source on 7 March 1948 between 1610 and 1655 hours. Description of objects similar to falling aircraft with smoke and dark trailing. Observer rode at Baker field with objects sighted south as toward Santa Vista area, California.

3. Observation by Mr. Danio, employee of the Pacific General Electric Company, Ukiah field, California, of two objects which fell to earth from unknown source at Baker field, California, 8 March 1948. One object seemed to be on fire with red and black smoke trailing behind.

4. Sergeant Larsen stated that searching parties, aircraft and rescue units have made numerous attempts to locate these reported objects without success.

5. Investigation of incident has been initiated by this headquarters. Report will follow.

/s/ Donald L. Springer  
DONALD L. SPRINGER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
AC of Staff, A-2

Information to:  
ADC, Mitchel Fld, N.Y.  
FBI, San Francisco  
G-2, Sixth Army  
WFO, San Francisco (12th Nav. Dist)

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**A-2 COMMENT:**

Although there is no evidence to substantiate the following, it is the opinion of this headquarters that this activity could be attributed to a person or persons. Any further developments, or evidence obtained, will be forwarded to headquarters from the Sheriff's Office, Merced, California.

**EVALUATION**

Of Sources  
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of Information  
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*6-11-68*

Ltr frs Hq 4th AF, dated 11 Mar 48, subject: "Investigation of Flying Disc"

AFDIB-CO-5

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8 APR 1948

Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force  
Base, Dayton, Ohio

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Mr from Hq 4th AF, dated 11 Mar 48, subject: "Investigation of Flying Disc"

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2 APR 1948

Department of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

■ Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force  
Base, Dayton, Ohio

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MAR 11 1948

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*Donald B. Stange*  
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[illegible typed title]

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Incident # 107



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 107

1. Date 6 March 1948
2. Time 4/3
3. Location Warner Field, California
  4. Name of observer P. Denis
  5. Occupation of observer Pacific General Electric Company employee
  6. Address of observer N/S
  7. Place of observation 4,000 ft from ground
  8. Number of objects 1
  9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight Northward
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color The object seemingly afire, red and black smoke trailing
18. Shape N/S
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails /
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Eff at on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance ~~100~~ Fall to earth
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106.

Incident # 107

Incident # 106

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 106

1. Date March 1948
2. Time 0630
3. Location Mather Field, California
4. Name of observer G. L. ix
5. Occupation of observer /S
6. Rank of observer /S
7. Place of observation Sighted from ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer 5 miles
10. Time in sight approx. 30 seconds before splitting & bursting
11. Altitude /S
12. Speed moving for approx 30 seconds, and then drifting
13. Direction of flight eastward
14. Tactics /S
15. Sound /S
16. Size Larger than a small airplane
17. Color orange-red with a fire
18. Shape ball
19. Color detected /S
20. Apparent construction /S
21. Exhaust trails /S
22. Weather conditions /S
23. Effect on clouds /S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Drifted to the east into the hills east of Matherfield
26. Remarks: See supplement to incident #106



Incident # 109

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 109

1. Date 5, Aug. 1946
2. Time
3. Location near Fairfield, California
4. Name of observer J. W. Johnson and Mrs. Callie E. Mason
5. Occupation of observer J. W. Johnson, artist, Mrs. Mason, secretary
6. Address of observer N/A
7. Place of observation 5th floor of business building
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer 7 - 10 miles
10. Time in sight N/A
11. altitude 1000 feet
12. Speed N/A
13. Direction of flight due north of Fairfield
14. Tactics Zig-zagging
15. Sound N/A
16. Size Appearance of a very small airplane
17. Color orange-red flames
18. Shape Appearance of a very small airplane
19. Color detected N/A
20. apparent construction N/A
21. Exhaust trails Considerable black smoke trailing for 1000 to 2000 feet
22. Weather conditions N/A
23. Effect on clouds N/A
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/A
26. Remarks: See supplement to Incident #106

Incident # 109



Incident # 100

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 110

1. Date 23 Feb 1946
2. Time 0300 - 0500
3. Location altitude (altitude) area
4. Name of observer Identity of individual
5. Occupation of observer Active      ical for activities
6. Address of observer /s
7. Place of observation /s
  1. Number of objects identified
8. Distance of object from observer /s
9. Time in sight of object
10. Altitude /s
11. Speed /s
12. Direction of flight /s
  1. Tactics /s
13. Sound      of foreign      ical
14. Size /s
15. Color /s
16. Shape /s
17. Odor detected /s
18. Apparent construction /s
19. Exhaust trails /s
20. Weather conditions /s
21. Effect on clouds /s
22. Sketches or photographs      ical
23. Manner of disappearance /s
24. Remarks: See Supplement

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND A2B

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

A/C 350 129 Mar 48

2. March 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Aerial Sounds.

Chief of Staff  
United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Attention: Director of Intelligence

1. The following is quoted from a copy of a letter, Baltimore Office, FBI, addressed to the Director of Intelligence, Second Army:

"On March 23, 1948 an individual, who desired that her identity be kept confidential, telephonically communicated with this office and indicated that she is the wife of a former member of the United States military forces, and that she is presently active in American Legion activities, but was emphatic in stating that she was in no way hysterical or unduly apprehensive regarding present world conditions. She did, however, wish to bring to the attention of the proper authorities that during the past six or eight weeks, on a number of occasions between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 A.M., she has heard peculiar sounding noises in the sky, which appear to come from airplanes in the distance, but the sound is not the type of airplane motor drone which is generally heard from American planes. She has discussed the matter with her husband, and he believes that the sound is more like that of a foreign type airplane. She recently discussed this matter with an unidentified woman who lives in her neighborhood, which is Hamilton, Baltimore, Maryland, and this woman stated that she, too, had heard the noise in question, and that her husband is also an ex-G.I. and he has stated that the motors sounded like that of foreign planes."

2. No action is contemplated by this headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1/c furnished CG,  
AEC, Attn: NEI.



Information by CG, AEC, Attn: NEI.



Incident # 111

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 1 April 1948 Incident # 111
2. Time 0955
3. Location 124° 3' East, 12° 52' North
4. Name of observer 1st Lt. Robert W. Meyers
5. Occupation of observer F-47 pilot
6. Address of observer 67th Fighter Sq, 18th Fighter Group
7. Place of observation Philippine Islands - sighted object from plane
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 3 miles
10. Time in sight Approximately 60 seconds
11. Altitude 1,000 ft
12. Speed 300 MPH - disappeared in 5 seconds, indicating great acceleration)
13. Direction of flight 270°
14. Tactics Revealed great acceleration
15. Sound none
16. Size wing-span 30 feet, length-20 feet
17. Color silver
18. Shape A half moon closely resembling a flying wing type aircraft, turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin.
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None observed
22. Weather conditions scattered cumulus, base 3000 ft, tops 6000 ft
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance Object leveled out on a 270° heading, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight.
26. Remarks: (over)

On 1st April, at 0955, 1st Lt Meyers was leading a flight of 4 P-47 aircraft of the 67th Fighter Sq, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 180° altitude 1500 feet, position 124° 3' East and 12° 52' North, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1,000 ft, heading 160°. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half-moon. What appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible. The span of the object was estimated to be 30 feet, length 20 feet. The object was silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt Meyers immediately started a left turn with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify the phenomenon. While Meyers was making a 240° turn the object made a 90° left turn, then leveled out on a heading of 270°, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight in approximately 5 seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 ft, tops 6000 ft.

NOTE: Because of the distance from which the sighting was made no distinguishing features, i. e., power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

The interview with Lt Meyers indicated that he is a reliable non-amiable individual who appeared quite positive in his statements. He was the only witness to this incident as he could not contact his wing men since his radio was out. Apparently the maneuvers performed by his 3 wing-men prevented their observation of the object.

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**AIR MATERIEL COMMAND**  
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

**INCOMING MESSAGE**

IN 090379Z

PRIORITY

Paraphrase not required. Handle as  
correspondence  
per paragraph 511 and 60a (4), AR 300-5\*

FROM: CINCPAC TIELTO JAPAN 080731Z.

TO: DEPT OF ARMY WASHINGTON DC FOR CGMID, COMSOMNAV WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB  
DAYTON OHIO ATTN MCI RPT MCI

INFO: COMSOPNAV

IN REPLY CITE: CX 29769

Report control is A-1917. Pilot, 13 Air Force, at 0955, 1 April 48, flying P-47 aircraft heading 180 degrees altitude 1500 feet indicated at 124 degrees 3 minutes East, 12 degrees 50 minutes North, weather scattered CUMULUS Rpt CUMULUS 3/10 base three thousand, top 600, visibility unlimited sighted flying object approximately 3 miles East 1A heading 360, altitude estimated one thousand feet below him. Unidentified object estimated speed at time of sighting 200 miles per hour. Pilot turned left attempting to intercept unidentified flying object for more positive identification. At this time flying object made a turn of 90 degrees left, leveled out and accelerated disappearing in approximately 5 seconds, heading of 270 degrees. Pilot had phenomenon under observation for about 60 seconds. Described as having a turtle back and an indistinct dorsal fin. The shape of the object was that of a half moon closely resembling a flying wing type aircraft, estimated wing span 30 feet, estimated length 20 feet, color silver, no rpt no exhaust trail was observed. Five seconds elapsed time for disappearing would indicate exceedingly high speed and great

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**AIR MATERIEL COMMAND  
MILITARY CONTRACT OFFICE**

# INCOMING MESSAGE

acceleration. Reporting Officer is considered sincere and non-amotable type and firmly believes he sighted object. A report will be forwarded upon completion of an investigation of this incident.

CM-IN-1563-E HEM 091500Z

"P 1" 2000 00 11 2 23  
See also in this volume  
per paragraph 51 and 014 (4), AR 5-0.5"

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BASIC: Ltr Hq 13th AF, APO 719, Subj: "Rpt of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object," dtd 8 Apr 48

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15 APR 1948

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES, APO 925,

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: MCI

1. Reference is made to letter Headquarters United States Air Force, subject "Reporting of Information on 'Flying Discs'" dated 20 February 1948
2. Evaluation of sighting described in basic communication by this headquarters is that in view of the circumstances surrounding the incident, the object was probably a bird.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



C. N. STEWART  
Capt. ASD.  
Asst Adj Gen

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HEADQUARTERS, THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE  
CLARK AIR FORCE BASE  
APO 719

B-2/AM

APR 1948

AG 452.1

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft  
and/or Flying Object.

TO : Commanding General,  
Far East Air Forces,  
APO 925,  
U. S. Army.  
ATTN: AC/S, A-2

1. In compliance with "Intelligence Requirements - Un-identified Aircraft" and letters, your headquarters, AG 452.1 A-2, 3 November 1947 and AG 452.1 A-2, 20 March 1948, the following incident is reported.

2. At 1630 hours on 1 April 1948, the B-2 officer of the 18th Fighter Group contacted the A-2 Division, this headquarters, and reported that 1st Lt. Robert W. Meyers had sighted an unidentified flying object. His story is as follows.

3. On 1 April, at 0955, 1st Lt. Meyers was leading a flight of four (4) P-47 aircraft of the 67th Fighter Squadron, 18th Fighter Group. He was flying a heading of 180 degrees, altitude 1500 feet, position 124 degrees 3 minutes east and 12 degrees 52 minutes north, when he sighted an unidentified object approximately three (3) miles east of his position and at an estimated altitude of 1000 feet, heading of 360 degrees. The object appeared to be a flying wing type aircraft, its shape resembled a half moon, what appeared to be a dorsal fin was barely perceptible, the span of the object estimated to be thirty feet, length twenty feet and silver in color. Upon sighting the object, Lt. Meyers immediately started a left turn with the intention of intercepting and to more positively identify this phenomenon. While Meyers was making a 240 degree turn, the unidentified object made a 90 degree left turn, then leveled out on a heading of 270 degrees, accelerated rapidly and disappeared from sight in approximately five seconds. There was no sound heard, and no exhaust trails were observed. At the

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B-2, AG 452.1, Subject: "Report of Sighting of Unidentified Aircraft and/or Flying Object."

time of the sighting visibility was unlimited, scattered cumulus, base 3000 feet, tops 6000 feet.

a. Because of the distance from which the sighting was made, no distinguishing features i.e. power units, landing gear, armament or cockpit were observed.

b. The interview with Lt. Meyers indicated that he is a reliable, non-excitabile individual and appeared quite positive in his statements. It must be taken into consideration however that he was the only witness to this incident, as he was unable to call the object to the attention of his three wing-men because of their maneuvering in the turn, plus the fact that his radio was out.

3. Above incident reported your headquarters, 2 April 48, in radio, cite K4243H.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Robert F. De Long*  
ROBERT F. DE LONG  
1st Lt USAF  
Acting Asst Adjutant General



Docident # III

Incident # 112

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 112
1. Date **6 Apr 45**
  2. Time **1400 - 1430**
  3. Location **Ashley, Ohio**
  4. Name of observer **Miss Winifred Paines - Mrs. Martha Slack**
  5. Occupation of observer **Miss Paines: Asst Book Collector; Mrs. Slack: housekeeper**
  6. Address of observer **227 W High St., Ashley, O.**
  7. Place of observation **Ashley, Ohio (ground)**
  8. Number of objects **1**
  9. Distance of object from observer **"Quite a distance"**
  10. Time in sight **N/S**
  11. Altitude **Could not estimate**
  12. Speed **slow-moving**
  13. Direction of flight **Southwest**
  14. Tactics **No maneuvers**
  15. Sound **N/S**
  16. Size **undetermined**
  17. Color **silver**
  18. Shape **Oblong, long and narrow - like silver streak**
  19. Odor detected **N/S**
  20. Apparent construction **N/S**
  21. Exhaust trails **None**
  22. Weather conditions **Clear, no clouds near object**
  23. Effect on clouds **N/S - no clouds near object**
  24. Sketches or photographs **None**
  25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
  26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness thought she heard plane which appeared to be flying low and making an unusual amount of noise. Could not locate the plane but did see an object oblong in shape and long and narrow which had the appearance of a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and moving slowly and steadily in a southeasterly direction parallel to the ground and without changing direction. Altitude and size were not estimated.

Note: See Incident #112a in which the plane was perceived flying low.



## CHECK-MARK

April 14, 1953

Incident # 112a

1. Date 11:08 a.m.
2. Location Ashley, Ohio
3. Name of observer Mrs. Wm. Stephens
4. Occupation of observer Newspaper reporter
5. Address of observer 226 West Main Street, Ashley, Ohio
6. Place of observation From the ground
7. Number of objects One
8. Distance of object from observer Not stated
9. Time in sight Approximately five minutes
10. Altitude Quite high
11. Speed Slow - drifting
12. Direction of flight Southwesterly
13. Tactics None
14. Sound None
15. Size Smaller than the airplane that was in view at the time
16. Color Opalescent - like mother of pearl
17. Shape Long cylindrical body, like a stick of firewood
18. Odor detected None
19. Apparent construction N/A
20. Exhaust trails None
21. Weather conditions Clear, few clouds in sky but none around object
22. Effect on clouds N/A
23. Sketches or photographs None
24. Manner of disappearance N/A
25. Remarks: A plane, which sounded as if it were flying low since there was an exceptionally loud roaring noise, first attracted the attention

of this witness. She observed a large airplane, heading south, and about the same time also observed a strange object in the sky travelling slowly in a southwesterly direction. Witness first thought it was sky writing, as it looked like a streak; but later it became clearly outlined, appearing to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. With the sun shining on it, it appeared opalescent, like mother of pearl. The object was much higher, and quite a bit smaller than, the airplane, but drifted slowly along after the airplane disappeared. It may have been drifting with the wind.

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## CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 5 April 1946 Incident # 1120
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Mrs. James B. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer Housewife
6. Address of observer 93 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects One
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed Slow
13. Direction of flight Southwesterly
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Very large - about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Cylindrical, with vapor around the top
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, no clouds around object
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: At 1430 Mrs. J. B. Stephenson's attention was attracted from her window by an object of unusual shape in the sky. Upon going outside

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to get a better view it appeared very white, with no shadows at all, was cylindrical in shape and seemed to have vapor around the top. When first seen, it appeared to be leaning at an angle, and then right itself and move along "perpendicular" to the ground. It appeared not to be moving at first, but upon a closer look it was seen moving slowly in a southwesterly direction, without sound or maneuvering, and remaining at the same altitude. The weather was clear, and no exhaust trails were seen. The object seemed very large, about the size of a full moon in height, but much smaller in width. Since there was nothing to compare it with, she could not be sure of the size. No statement was made as to whether or not witness heard an airplane.

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## CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date: 8 April 1948
2. Time: 11:30
3. Location: Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer: Rev. James B. Stephenson
5. Occupation of observer: Pastor
6. Address of observer: 58 N. Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio
7. Place of observation from the ground
8. Number of objects: One
9. Distance of object from observer (N/S)
10. Time in sight (N/S)
11. Altitude (N/S)
12. Speed: Slow
13. Direction of flight: Northwest
14. Service: None
15. Sound: None
16. Size: Not stated
17. Shape: None
18. Color: Particle; charges
19. Other: None

Incident # 112e



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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 1204

1. Date 8 April 1948
2. Time 1130
3. Location: Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer: Mrs. John Kergan
5. Occupation of observer: Housewife
6. Address of observer: 111 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation: From the ground
8. Number of objects: One
9. Distance of object from observer: N/S

10. Time in sight: N/S
11. Altitude: N/S
12. Speed: N/S
13. Direction of flight: Southeasterly
14. Tactics: None
15. Sound: None. Could not be determined
16. Size: N/S
17. Color: White
18. Shape: Spherical. Also with glint above it

Remarks: Witness heard planes prior to the sighting, but doesn't know whether or not they are connected with the object.

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The object was clearly outlined, but did not look like a balloon. The Federal  
Bureau of Investigation was alerted but was unable to sight the object.



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1. Date 3 April 1946
2. Time 1430
3. Location Delaware, Ohio
4. Name of observer Sgt. John E. Korman
5. Occupation of observer Pastor
6. Address of observer 211 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer Not determined
10. Time in sight 2-3 minutes
11. Altitude Several thousand feet
12. Speed Not too fast
13. Direction of flight Almost due west into the wind
14. Tactics None
15. Sound None
16. Size Not less than 2 feet in width
17. Color Very white
18. Shape Spherical, with a small protuberance above it, like vapor stream
19. Odor detected None
20. Apparent construction N/A
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear
23. Effect on clouds N/A
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Nature of disappearance Disappeared from view behind the trees
26. Remarks: This object appeared like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The size could not be determined.

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since witness could not tell whether it was a small object near him or a large object far away. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. It was not stated that the sound of a plane was heard.

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1. Date: April 1968
2. Time: 11:30
3. Location: Delaware, Miss
4. Name of observer: Mrs. J. A. Kirkpatrick
5. Occupation of observer: Housewife
6. Address of observer: 107 North Washington Street
7. Place of observation: From the ground
8. Number of objects: One
9. Distance of object from observer: N/S
10. Time in sight: N/S
11. Altitude: N/S
12. Speed: Steady - not too fast
13. Direction of flight: Southwesterly
14. Tactics: None
15. Sound: None
16. Size: It was not large enough for a person to be inside
17. Color: White - about the color of a fleecy cloud
18. Shape: Spherical - not flat - larger at top with a protruding end which was
19. Color of object: None
20. Apparent construction: N/S
21. Exhaust trails: None
22. Weather conditions: Clear, blue sky, sunny
23. Effect on clouds: N/S
24. Sketches or photographs: None
25. Manner of disappearance: N/S
26. Remarks: Witness heard, but did not see airplane, and saw instead a white object, spherical in shape, larger at the top with a protruding

and underneath. It was directly lined and maintained the same shape as it moved along, steadily, and at the same altitude. Robert Cochran, son of the witness, who is in the Merchant Marine, thought the object very unusual. He said it was in the shape of a rainpout.

COPY

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY.

13 April 1946

Report of Findings:

- (1) On 12 April 1946, Mrs. M. S. Kirkpatrick, housewife, 107 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed concerning an unidentified object in the sky, and stated in substance:

On Thursday afternoon 8 April 1946, at approximately 2:30PM, I was in my backyard when I heard an airplane. I did not see any plane but I noticed a peculiar object in the sky. This object was somewhat spherical in shape but seemed larger at the top with a protruding end underneath. It looked white, about the color of a fleecy cloud, but it was clearly outlined, and maintained the same shape as it moved along. The weather was clear, the sky was blue, the sun was shining, and there were no clouds near the object. The most peculiar thing to me was that the wind was blowing from the West and the object was moving in a southwesterly direction against the wind. The object moved steadily along, not too fast, and seemed to maintain the same altitude. It did not maneuver in any way, and I did not see any exhaust trail. I did not hear any sound from it. I cannot estimate the size or altitude of this object as I did not have anything to compare it with and it kept moving away from me. However, I do not believe it was large enough for a person to be inside. I called my son, Robert Cochran, who is in the Merchant Marine and was home for a visit, and he said he thought the object was very unusual. He said it was the shape of a rainspout but he did not know what it was. I went next door and called our neighbors, Reverend and Mrs. John Bergen, and they came out to see it. I do not have any idea what it was.

Agent's Note: Robert Cochran was not available for interview as he was out of town and not expected back for several days.

Floyd S. Dunning

COPY

UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY.

13 April 1948

(2) On 12 April 1948, Reverend John H. Bergen, Pastor of the Delaware Presbyterian Church, 111 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Thursday, 8 April 1948, at approximately 2:30PM, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, our next door neighbor, came to the door and told us to come out and see the strange phenomenon in the sky. We went into the backyard and saw this strange object in the sky, a little south of west from our house. There was only one object and main part seemed to be spherical with a small protrusion above it, like vapor streaks. It was very white and looked like a concentrated bit of cloud except it was clearly outlined. The weather was clear, the sun was shining, and there were no clouds near the object although there was a bank of clouds to the south of us at quite a distance. I would judge the object was up several thousand feet but I cannot be sure because I could not tell whether it was above or below cloud level. I also could not determine its size as I could not tell whether it was a small object near us or a large object far away, as I had nothing to compare it with. I would judge, however, that it could not have been less than 5 feet in width. The wind was blowing the trees and clouds from a westerly direction and the object was traveling away from us, not too fast, almost due west into the wind. It traveled in a straight line and did not maneuver. I could not hear any sound from it and I could not see any exhaust trail of any kind. We watched it for at least ten minutes until it disappeared from our view behind the trees.

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Floyd S. Dunning

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UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN SKY.

13 April 1948.

- (3) On 12 April 1948, Mrs. John H. Bergen, housewife, 111 North Washington Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and substantiated all the facts as given by her husband in the above interview (par 2), and added the following:

The peculiar object in the sky looked to me like a spherical "blob" with streaks above it. By "blob" I mean like stiff batter or dough dropped from a spoon. It was white and clearly outlined but it did not look like a balloon. The sky around the object was completely clear of clouds. The object was traveling against the wind in a southwesterly direction. I called the Perkins Observatory three or four minutes after I first saw the object and I talked to Mrs. Craikbank, Dr. Bobobrevnikov's secretary, and told her about it. He called back later but they had not been able to sight the object. During the time I went into the house to telephone, the object did not seem to change shape, nor did its altitude change. I heard planes flying over our house at some time prior to the time Mrs. Kirkpatrick called us but I did not see any planes. I do not know whether or not they had any connection with the object.

- (4) On 12 April 1948, Reverend James B. Stephenson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, 99 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

At approximately 2:30 PM on Thursday 8 April 1948, I heard a plane passing over our house. It seemed rather low and made a lot of noise but I did not go outside to look at it. Shortly after this I was called outside by my wife to see an unusual shape in the sky. My first reaction was that it was a plane on fire as it seemed to be an object surrounded by a vaporous substance. After studying it for a few seconds it became clearly outlined





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trail. The weather was clear and there were no clouds around the object. It seemed very large to me, about the size of a full moon in height but much smaller in width. Of course, I cannot be sure of its size as I did not have anything to compare it with.

On April 10, Mrs. Lela Stephens, news editor and reporter, 100 West 2nd Street, Ashlon, Ohio was interviewed and stated in substance:

"In the afternoon of April 10, I heard an airplane go over my house somewhere between 2:00 and 2:30 P.M. It sounded like it was flying low and seemed to make an exceptionally loud roaring noise. I am interested in planes so I went outside to see it. It was a large plane flying south. About this time I saw a strange object in the sky traveling slowly in a southwesterly direction. At first I thought it was a star, as it looked like a streak but it stayed so long and was so clearly outlined that I knew I was mistaken. It seemed to be a long cylindrical body like a stick of firewood. The sun was shining on it and it looked coalescent like Mother of Pearl. The plane was flying low and the object seemed quite high - much higher than the plane - and it was quite a bit smaller than the plane. The plane disappeared but the object kept drifting slowly along. It maintained the same altitude and did not maneuver at all. I did not see any exhaust streaks of any kind and I could not hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were a few clouds in the sky but none around the object. I do not recall which direction the wind was blowing. The object may have been drifting with the wind. Shortly after I first saw the object, I telephoned my neighbors across the street and told them about it. I watched the object altogether for about five minutes then returned to the house. I wrote an article for the

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Deltaware Gazette about this strange object after I read where people in Delaware, Ohio had seen it. I do not have any idea what it was.

On 10 April 1948, I saw Alfred Paines, assistant bank cashier, and Arthur Slack, housekeeper, both of 227 West 11th Street, Toledo, Ohio were interviewed and stated in substance:

On April 10th, at approximately 2:00 to 2:30 P.M., we heard a plane fly over the house. It sounded as if it was flying low and seemed to make an unusual amount of noise. A few minutes later Mr. Stephens called on the telephone and told us there was a strange object in the sky. I went outside and the plane was gone but we saw the object in the sky. It was an object, low and narrow, and looked like a silver streak. It was clearly outlined and was moving slowly in a southwesterly direction. It was parallel to the ground and was moving steadily on its way, without any change in direction. It did not maneuver and I could not see any exhaust streaks or hear any sound from it. The weather was clear and there were no clouds in the sky near the object. The wind was blowing from the west and the object was moving into the wind. We could not estimate the altitude nor the size of the object as it was quite a distance from us and there was nothing to compare it with. We do not know what it was.

Lloyd S. Dunning, S/A  
1st Lt. 1st Detachment

Signed/Floyd S. Dunning

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Incident # 112

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Decidant # 113

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date April 1948 Incident # 115
2. Time 1930
3. Location Montgomery, Alabama
4. Name of observer Robert S. White, Lt. Colonel, USAF
5. Occupation of observer Pilot
6. Address of observer 6000 1/2 Ave., Air Tactical School, Tyndall Air Base
7. Place of observation From the air
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/A
10. Time in sight Five seconds
11. Altitude Approximately 16000 feet
12. Speed In a case of the viewer's 310 mph air speed
13. Direction of flight "west"
14. Tactics /
15. Sound /
16. Size 10 ft. x 20 ft. diameter
17. Color /
18. Shape / as a large cylinder or ball
19. Odor detected N/A
20. Apparent construction /
21. Exhaust trails /
22. Weather conditions Clear, visibility and ceiling unlimited
23. Effect on clouds /
24. Sketches or photographs - Sketch (rip)
25. Manner of disappearance /
26. Remarks The object was first sighted before completing a left turn over the town of Montgomery, Alabama.

object, and at ten o'clock off his left side appeared to be a  
disc. It immediately completed a sharp turn to the left and was  
seen to get a better look at the object, and described it as follows:

"The top part of the object approximately eight feet in diameter, silver  
in color, and the appearance of a parachute. Attached to the bottom of this  
was a dark cable or 'yowl' which appeared to be approximately five feet  
long. Suspended from the cable was seen a large canister or ball (Colonel  
was unable to discern which) also silver in color. This canister or  
ball had the appearance of being slightly to the rear of the top part of the  
object. The overall appearance of the object looked something similar to  
the parachute and canister containing photographic testing equipment dropped  
from a B-29 aircraft."

At the time he lost sight of the object, Hughes' aircraft had been  
indicating 320 miles per hour air speed, and the object appeared to fly  
away from him on a horizontal plane rather than a vertical decline.

A sketch of the object is attached.

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MARIANNA CGO OFFICE, P.O. Box 404, Marianna, Florida, 14 April 1948

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL, Headquarters Third Army, Fort McPherson,  
ATTN: A C of S, G-2

Enclosed memo obtained from Col. Hughes in an interview by AP SA CTC  
regarding SUBJECT.

*James A. Ward*  
JAMES A. WARD  
Special Agent in Charge

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exhibit No. 1.

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(9 Apr 48)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 16 April 1948

TO: COMMANDER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MCI

1. Attached report is forwarded in compliance with Letter GSUSA, ID,  
Wash., D.C., File # CSCID 452.1, dtd 26 Mar 48, Subject: "Unconventional  
Aircraft."

2. No telegraphic report was rendered since Colonel HUGHES also re-  
ported the incident to A-2, Tyndall Field.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Walter A. Burch*  
WALTER A. BURCH  
Colonel, GSC  
AC of S, G-2

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2 exhibit No. 1

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Flying Near  
Montgomery, Alabama  
8 April 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

On 8 April 1948, approximately 1800 hours, this agent interviewed 1st Colonel Robert S. SPENCE, Tactics Division, Air Tactical School, Tyndall Air Force Base, who stated in substance: He had left Tyndall approximately 1810 hours on 8 April 1948, flying a P-51D at the altitude of 12000 feet. He had proceeded to Montgomery, Alabama, and just previous to sighting the target had set over to the altitude of 10000 feet and directly over the target had made a 100 degree left turn. Just before completing his left turn, he had sighted an object at 10 o'clock off his left wing which appeared to be a glider. Colonel SPENCE had immediately made a sharp turn to the left in order to follow the object which appeared to be heading North west. After completing his turn, Colonel SPENCE had been able to get a better look at the object which he had first thought to be merely a glider and described it as follows: The part of the object approximately eight feet in diameter, silver in color, and the appearance of a parachute. Attached to the bottom of this had been a dark cable or strand which appeared to be approximately five feet long. Suspended upon the cable had been a large conical or ball (Colonel SPENCE could not describe which) also silver in color. This conical or ball had the appearance of being slightly to the rear of the top part of the object. The overall appearance of the object, according to Colonel SPENCE, looked something similar to the parachute and conical container photographic testing equipment dropped from a B-29 bomber. Colonel SPENCE had kept the object in sight for approximately five seconds but had lost it at exactly 1810 hours. At the time he had last sight of the object, SPENCE's aircraft had been indicating 810 miles per hour air speed, and the object had appeared to fly away from him on a horizontal plane rather than a vertical decline. SPENCE further stated that the object might possibly have changed course during the time it was in his sight but it was impossible for him to definitely establish this fact as the aircraft had been in a sharp turn during part of the time that the object was in sight. At the time that the object had been sighted the weather had been clear, no clouds, visibility and ceiling unlimited, and as far as Colonel SPENCE could determine the object had made no sound and no exhaust trail had been seen. After having lost the object, Colonel SPENCE proceeded to return to Tyndall Air Force Base and upon landing, reported the above mentioned incident to the Intelligence Officer, Tyndall, A-3. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1, is a sketch of the object's approximate configuration.

ADJUTANT GENERAL:

It is to be noted, Colonel SPENCE told the story both to this agent and to 1st Lt. W. S. Spence, A-3, Tyndall, at separate interviews and in both instances the story contained.

John R. Douglas, A-3, T-3, A-3 (RAF)(MIA), Tyndall Air Base, Florida



EXHIBIT I

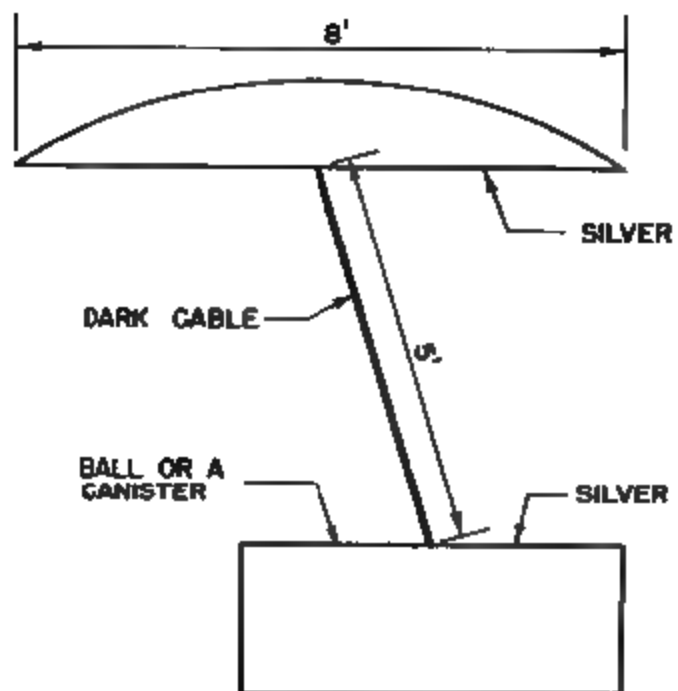


EXHIBIT I

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Incident # 114

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **18 Apr 48** Incident # **11b**
2. Time **1306 hours**
3. Location **Approx 1 mile north of Fairbanks, Alaska**
4. Name of observer **1st Lt Arlyn Johnson**
5. Occupation of observer **1st Lt (discharged 2/28/48 as per authority  
Para 1, SO. GO dated 28 May 48) (see)**
6. Address of observer **Ft Worth, Texas**
7. Place of observation **Over city of Fairbanks, Alaska**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **few minutes**
11. Altitude **2000-3000 ft**
12. Speed **250-300 miles (traveled 500 feet in 1 or 2 seconds)**
13. Direction of flight **Northwest toward southwest**
14. Tactics **Oscillated from horizontal plane to vertical plane at very  
rapid speed**
15. Sound **No sound**
16. Size **8" in diameter**
17. Color **silvery**
18. Shape **round and flat**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **No trails of any kind**
22. Weather conditions **Weather clear and visibility unrestricted**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

*McBee land  
& file*

Object observed at altitude of about 3000-4000 on NE-SW heading.  
It appeared to be some 6 inches in diameter and gave off a silvery  
brilliant reflection. It oscillated from a horizontal plane to a  
vertical plane at a very rapid pace. Estimated speed: about 250-300  
MPH - (traveled some 500 feet in 1 or 2 seconds) No sound could be  
heard nor were there any trails of any kind.

N TU: This sighting may have been the reflection of sun from wings  
of these aircraft. At the approximate time of the sighting a  
number of aircraft were flying in the local area.

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AIR TECHNICAL SERVICE COMMAND  
CLASSIFIED CABLE AND MESSAGE SECTION-ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

## INCOMING MESSAGE

April 1948  
paraphrase not required. Handle as  
IN 191432E *copy* correspondence  
per paragraph 51i and 60a (4), AR 380.5\*

### P R I O R I T Y

FROM: LADD FLD FAIRBANKS ALS 190342Z INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY OFF

TO: WRIGHT -FAT AFB ATTN MCI

INFO: DIR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION YUKON SECTOR  
DIR INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ALS AIRCMD

IN REPLY CITE: 190342Z

Report of flying disk sighting par A North of Fairbanks Als approx 1 mile. One  
eight April 1948 at 1306 hours. Para B weather was clear and visibility unrestricted.  
Para C Witnesses was 1st Lt Aylee M Johnson 375 Balon Sq (VLR) Was Ladd Air Force  
Base. Para D no photographs available. Para E No sketches available. Para F  
object sighted. Subpara 11. Sub para 2 round and flat. Sub para 3 Appeared to be  
8 inches in diameter. Sub para 4 silvery brilliant reflection from object. Sub para  
5 approx traveled 300 feet in 1 or 2 seconds. Sub para 6 from north east toward  
south west. Sub para 7 Oscillating movement from a horizontal plane to a vertical  
plane very rapid. Sub para 8 approx 2,000 feet altitude. Sub para 9 No sound.  
sub para 10 no trails of any kind. Para C at approx 1306Z sighting a number of  
aircraft were flying in local area. This sighting may have been reflection of  
sun from wings of these aircraft

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ATTENTION: INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
731, Seattle, Washington

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13 August 1948

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Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
1111-1111111111111111  
Dayton, Ohio

- a. Compliance with letter your Headquarters, dated 10 May 1948, file OIAK-3, subject "Project 101", the information is as follows:
- b. Information presently available in this office on the subject sighting is included in Incl 2, attached.
- c. Reference are 4a, your letter; the weather sequence as it appeared on the teletype circuit at 1255 A.M. and 1325 A.M. on 18 April 1948 is included in Incl 3 attached.
- d. It is suggested that your Command forward correspondence to subject Officer who is presently residing at Ft. Worth, Texas.

W. O. BARTERS  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

WILLIAM B. BARTER  
Captain, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

- 3 Incls:  
#1 - SC. 60, dtd 28 May 1948. (Dup)  
#2 - Information on Sighting. (Dup)  
#3 - Weather Sequence. (Dup)

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HEADQUARTERS  
375TH RECONnaissance SQUADRON (VLR) WEATHER  
7TH WEATHER GROUP  
APO 731, Seattle, Washington

SPECIAL ORDER  
NUMBER 60)

R E S T R I C T E D

REFER TO PAR 1  
28 May 1948

1. 1ST LT AYTON L JOHNSON JR AO1683598 USAF (W) (Cat I) (MOS 1035) (Rated-nonflying) (Home address: Ft Worth Texas) this orgn is hereby rel'd asgmt and by this orgn and trfd to PAR USA for subsequent asgmt to Sep Point USA for relief fr AD under prov of Sect IV JD Cir 72, 1947. DS of Off with Hqs and Hqs Sq Airrome Op this sta is term off this dte. Off WP o/a 16 June 48 by rail to Edward als thence by first avail surface transportation to SEPE Seattle Wash thence to Personnel Center Ft Lawton Wash where Off will be rel'd fr AD. Tvl by rail and/or surface transportation to be at Govt expense.

Concurrent movement of dependent (Mrs. Nellie L. Johnson, wife) by transportation indicated is auth to Ft Worth Texas.

Shipment of household goods to Ft Worth Texas at govt expense is auth. Installation Off will pack and crate and TC will ship household goods to destination.

EDC:R to Personnel Center Ft Lawton Wash will be 20 June 48. PCS TDM TCT 801-18 P 431-02 03 04 A 2180425 S 99-999 L 501.

AUTH: Sect IV JD Cir 72, 1947; 4th Ind Hqs ATC dtd 7 May 48 to Ltr fr Lt Johnson dtd 8 Apr 48 subj: Appl for Release fr AD Because of Undue Hardship TWI Hqs 770 PER 2100 dtd 130200Z Mar 48 & S Ltr 35-11 AF Reg 35-59 as amended.

2. Under the prov of Par 15 AR 615-5 (C3) and AR 420-5 the fol named Offs USAF (W) this orgn are apptd as a C of Offs to determine whether Sgt Thomas E Baker Jr AF19252738 USAF (W) this orgn should be reduced to gr of Private and to make appropriate recommendations thereon to CC this orgn

NAME	RANK	NAME	ASH
CAPT	JAMES M ROGERS	AO45629	(President)
1ST LT	OTIS G GROOM	AO753174	(Member)
1ST LT	RONALD C WINTER	AO875902	(Recorder)

3. 1/Sgt David W Heckert AF20624539 USAF (7) (BSN 750) (3 yr enl-11 Feb 46) this orgn is hereby rel'd asgmt and by Flt "B" this orgn Fairfield-Suisun AFB Calif and trfd in gr to 3rd AF Base Unit Polling AF Base Wash DC with DS sta 5302d ASU 1660 E. Hyde Park Blvd Chicago Illinois. EN WP o/a 20 June 48 RUAT CO 5302d ASU for orientation in recruiting duties and subsequent reasgmt within Ill Recruiting District. EN auth tan (10) days delay enroute. TC will furnish nec transportation and meal tickets for tvl fr Fairfield-Suisun AFB Calif to Chicago Ill. Prior to departure EN will advise correspondents and publishers of change of address. Under prov of AR 35-4520 as amended EN will be paid qtrs and subsistence for a period not to exceed thirty-one (31) days off on arr at Chicago Ill. Prior to departure fr Fairfield-Suisun AFB Calif EN will report to Base recruiting officer for a short period of instruction. PCS EDC:R: 23 June 48. TDM TCT PCS 801-15 P 431-02 03 04 A 2180425 S 99-999 L 501. AUTH: 6th Ind Hqs USAF dtd 6 May 48 to Ltr fr 1/Sgt Heckert dtd 31 Mar 48 subj: Recruiting Duty TWI Hqs 770 PER 2100 dtd 130200Z Mar 48 & S Ltr 35-11 AF Reg 35-59 as amended.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR RICHARDSON:

WALTER F REED  
1st Lt., USAF  
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

*Joseph R. Gilchrist*  
JOSEPH R GILCHRIST

1st Lt., USAF  
Assistant Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS  
375TH AIRBORNE INFANTRY BATTALION (VLA) MATHEW  
OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
PO BOX 731, Seattle, Washington

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

DATE: 16 April 1948

TO: 30 April 1948

On 7 16 April 1948, 1306 local time, Lt. Aytch Johnson  
of the 375th Airborne Infantry Battalion (VLA) reported  
a sighting was made over the city of Fairbanks, Alaska.

The report was sent to Lt. Clarke, the Base Intelligence  
Officer of the 375th Airborne Infantry Battalion (VLA). Lt. Clarke immediately  
sent the information of the sighting to the proper commands  
concerned.

1. The following is a description of the object sighted  
reported by the Intelligence Officer of this organization  
on 7 16 April 1948.

- a. The object was at an altitude of about 2000-3000  
feet.
- b. The object moved at a rapid rate of speed, esti-  
mated at about 250-300 miles per hour.
- c. The object was in sight for only a few minutes  
before it disappeared from view.
- d. The object was oscillating at a rapid rate and  
the only time it could be seen was when the flat  
side was toward the observer.
- e. The object reflected a high intensity of light.
- f. No sound or any other distinguished noise could  
be heard coming from the object. (CONFIDENTIAL)



WILLIAM B. RIDER  
Captain, "SAF"  
Intelligence Officer

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1st Lieut., USA  
Post Office Officer

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BASIC: Ltr, Hqs Ladd Air Force Base, Office of the Intelligence Officer,  
APO 731, c/o FM, Seattle, Washington, Subj: Report of "Flying Disc",  
dtd 26 Apr 1948, To: CG, AAC, Thru: CG, Yukon Division.

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HEADQUARTERS ALASKAN AIR COMMAND, APO 942, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.

TC: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force  
Base, Dayton, Ohio.  
Attention: TSDIN

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HEADQUARTERS, LADD AIR FORCE BASE  
A-2, OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
APO 731, C/O POSTMASTER, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

26 April 1948

SUBJECT: Report of "Flying Disc"

THRU : Commanding General  
Yukon Division  
APO 731, U. S. Army  
ATTN: Director of Intelligence

TO : Director of Intelligence Division  
Alaskan Air Command  
APO 942, U. S. Army

1. In compliance with letter, Department of the Air Force, Headquarters, USAF, Subj: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs", dated 6 February 1948, the following information, in addition to radiogram sent from this office, 18 April 1948, is hereby submitted:

- a. The object was sighted North of Fairbanks, Alaska, approximately one mile from the Cheechako Hotel. It was sighted on the 18th of April 1948 at 1306 hours.
- b. The weather was clear and the visibility was unrestricted.
- c. The witness was 1st Lt. Aytch M. Johnson, Jr, 375th Sqn Sq. (VLR) Weather, Ladd Air Force Base, APO 731, C/O Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.
- d. No photographs available.
- e. No sketches available. Object was described as being in the shape of a "disc" as used in track meets.
- f. (1) Number: one.  
(2) Shape: As described in "a" above.  
(3) Size: Object appeared to be approximately 8 inches in diameter when sighted.  
(4) Color: A silvery brilliant reflection was seen to come from the object.  
(5) Speed: The object travelled approximately 500 feet in 1/2 seconds.  
(6) Heading: The object travelled from Northeast to the Southwest.

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Incident # 114

Incident # 115

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **19 Apr 45** Incident #115
2. Time **1615**
3. Location **Over Greenville AF Base, Greenville, S. C.**
4. Name of observer **1st Lt Francis W. Kemble, Jr.  
& 1st Lt Robert C. Lewis, USAF**
5. Occupation of observer **Both attached to Liaison sq. Greenville**
6. Address of observer **Greenville AF Base, Greenville, S. C.**
7. Place of observation **Greenville AF Base**
8. Number of objects **2 - 1 at first, 1 later**
9. Distance of object from observer **15,000 to 20,000 ft overhead**
10. Time in sight **2 minutes**
11. Altitude **15,000 to 20,000 ft**
12. Speed **Undetermined. Stationary, then rapidly accelerating and  
alighting**
13. Direction of flight **North**
14. Tactics **Following then acceleration and alighting  
Observed trail formation**
15. Sound **None audible (T) - stated: Witnesses were distracted by sound  
of ~~other~~ aircraft in vicinity.  
(no mention made of these)**
16. Size **undetermined**
17. Color **white**
18. Shape **elliptical**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **No exhaust or condensation trail**
22. Weather conditions **CAFD**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **2**
25. Manner of disappearance **in distance**
26. Remarks: **(over)**



witnesses were attracted by sound of fighter aircraft in vicinity. They started searching the sky for the aircraft and sighted the objects. When first sighted, the witnesses thought the objects might be weather balloons. However, when they accelerated so rapidly in a northerly heading, they determined the objects could not be balloons. They were in a trail formation on a North-South line, and moved so rapidly they were out of sight within a few seconds. From original sighting in the stationary position to their disappearance, a period of approximately two (2) minutes elapsed, of which the objects were in a stationary position for approximately one (1) minute.

NOTE: Wind at 20,000 ft from 340° at 10 knots per hour (1230 EST & t)  
Wind at 20,000 ft 32° at 13 knots per hour at (1230 EST & t)

NOTE: Nearest weather station releasing balloons is Spartanburg, S. C.  
One black balloon was released at 1230 EST.

left on this heading

- (4) 0 In approximately 2 minutes objects had disappeared
- (3) 0 Objects began moving in a NE direction and rapidly accelerating and climbing.
- (2) 0 When first seen objects were in a semi-stationary position.
- (1) 0 First one object was sighted, next, another one appeared.

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Subject: "Report of Sighting Flying Discs"

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14, AnC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio **APR 27 1948**

TO: Commanding General, Greenville Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C.  
ATTN: Intelligence Officer, 5th Liaison Squadron

Reference is made to paragraph g, basic communication. Request clarification as to whether the fighter aircraft heard were actually observed in addition to the unidentified flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*W. R. Chapman* Col USAF  
H. M. MCCOY  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief of Intelligence

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*APR 27 1948*

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR  
GREENVILLE AIR FORCE BASE  
GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

19 April, 1948

TO: SAC: Report of Sighting Flying Discs

FROM: Captain General  
Air Materiel Command  
First-Auxiliary Squadron  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Serial No: 101

1. I am in receipt of instruction received in  
letter, file # 100.9 (10 Feb 48), subject: Report of  
sighting of flying discs, dated 12 March 1948, the  
information is as follows:

2. Objects sighted at 1013 19 April 1948 over  
Greenville Air Force Base, Greenville, South Carolina.

3. Further details of sighting will be furnished  
as they become available.

4. References:

1st Lt. Robert C. Morris, USAF, 10-071104  
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Greenville, South Carolina

1st Lt. Robert C. Morris, USAF, 10-071104  
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Greenville, South Carolina

5. Comments: Available.

6. Details of objects configuration, etc.

7. Object description:

1. Number of objects sighted: two (2).
2. Shape: elliptical.
3. Size: undetermined.
4. Color: white.



S T A T E M E N T

On the 19th day of April, 1948, at approximately 1615 hours, I, with Lt. Loomis, was standing in front of our squadron orderly room. As we were talking, I heard the sound of fighter aircraft flying and searched the sky in the direction of the sound, whereupon, I noticed one (1) white balloon object on a Northeast heading. I then noticed that there were two (2) objects.

These objects were at an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 feet and seemed to be stationary; then these two (2) objects seemed to accelerate very rapidly in a northerly direction and at the same time, seemed to be climbing until they were lost to sight. It is estimated that these objects were visible for not more than three (3) minutes.

Lt. Loomis and myself discussed the possibility that the objects were weather balloons. I, personally, checked the weather office to determine if weather balloons had been released and I was informed that no balloons had been sent aloft.

*Francis W. Hennin Jr.*  
FRANCIS W. HENNIN JR  
1st Lt, USAF

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The two objects were at an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 feet and seemed to be stationary; then these objects seemed to accelerate very rapidly in a northerly direction and at the same time, seemed to be ascending until they were lost to sight. It is estimated that these objects were visible for not more than three minutes.

Lt. Loomis and myself discussed the possibility that the objects were weather balloons. I, personally, checked the weather office to determine if weather balloons had been released and I was informed that no balloons had been sent aloft.

*Francis W. Herkin Jr.*

FRANCIS W. HERKIN JR  
1st Lt, U.S.F







## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 118

1. Date **11 Mar 48**
2. Time **night**
3. Location **Near shores of James Bay.**
4. Name of observer **V. J. Pratt**
5. Occupation of observer **Employee of Hudson Bay Co.**
6. Address of observer **Moose Factory**
7. Place of observation **Moose Factory, Canada**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **variable**
13. Direction of flight **southward**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **No noise**
16. ~~Direction of observation~~
17. Color **white blue flame**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **motor**
21. Exhaust trails **conspicuous N/S**
22. Weather conditions **light**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **exploded**
26. Remarks: **(over)**  
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE  
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Office of Military Air Attache  
United States Embassy  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

18 March 1948

Mr. A. C. Loedding  
T3343  
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Loedding:

I am forwarding here an article clipped out of the Toronto  
Globe & Mail dated 15 March 1948 for your information.

An official report is being made through proper channels.

Very truly yours,

WOODROW B. WILMOT  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Air Technical Liaison Officer

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## Ball of Blue Flame Falls From Sky And Explodes Near Moose Factory

Moose Factory, March 14 (CP) — The southern sky was described as a big ball of blue flame, apparently as about the size of a full moon, the size of a football streaked out of the sky Thursday night and exploded near the Northern Ontario community near the shores of James Bay. M. J. Pratt of the Hudson's Bay Company reported.

The explosion lit up the entire area brightly, then daylight the whole ball disappeared and a second ball of orange light shot upward from where the ball was last seen, he said. The orange streak was gone within a second. Witnesses heard no noise of any kind.

The incident took place in the early morning hours (Cochrane, 15) miles south of here where several citizens reported seeing what they believed was a meteor about 1:40 p.m. EST Thursday.

One witness here, M. J. Charles, said the object plunged downward like a spent rocket in

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Incident # 117

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # ~~117~~ 117
1. Date 7 May 48
  2. Time 1500 to 1700
  3. Location Memphis, Tenn.
  4. Name of observer Miss Jean Gray, Housekeeper et al (see other side)
  5. Occupation of observer Housekeeper
  6. Address of observer 353 N. Alderl Ave., Memphis, Tenn.
  7. Place of observation Memphis, Tenn.
  8. Number of objects 50 or 60
  9. Distance of object from observer N/S
  10. Time in sight N/S
  11. altitude extremely high
  12. Speed faster than any aircraft witnesses had ever seen
  13. Direction of flight easterly
  14. Tactics Most traveled in straight line alt a some of them zig-zagged.
  15. Sound None
  16. Size Very small
  17. Color shiny - like bright aluminum
  18. Shape unknown - possibly like meteor
  19. Order detected N/S
  20. apparent construction N/S
  21. Exhaust trails Some objects seemed to have a silvery trail which might have been exhaust
  22. Weather conditions CATV, wind: 330 to 340°, 15 MPH at surface increasing to 60 MPH at 20,000; surface temp: 72°; dew point 43° relative humidity 80%
  23. Effect on clouds N/S
  24. Sketches or photographs None
  25. Manner of disappearance N/S
  26. Remarks: (over)

Fifty to 60 shiny objects were seen moving at a speed faster than any known aircraft on an easterly heading at an extremely high altitude. For the most part these objects traveled in a straight line although some of them zig-zagged slightly. No sound was heard. Some objects seemed to have a silvery tail which might have been exhaust. These objects could not have been weather balloons as only one balloon was released by the Memphis Weather Bureau that day.

NOT : Witnesses thought they had seen a meteor; however subsequent investigation seemed to preclude this possibility. See Supp II to Trip Report to Memphis - Visit with Dr. Paul Hergot of the Observatory of Cincinnati, Ohio, in which Dr. Hergot expressed serious doubt that the 50 or more objects observed 7 May 48 in Memphis were meteors. He was, however unable to offer any explanation as to a possible identification of the objects.

Dr. Hynak of OSU and Dr. Kenneth LeFevre are to be consulted about the possibility of their seeing these being a meteor shower.

Witness of this incident were: Mr. F. J. Kaiser, salesman  
251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis  
  
Mrs F. J. Kaiser, housewife  
251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis, Tenn.



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CIC FIELD AREA OFFICE NO. 1,  
Post Office Box 21,  
Memphis 1, Tennessee.

AJACI-482.1 General

8 May 1948.

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft.

TO : Commanding General, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Georgia.  
(ATTN: AC of S, G-2)

1. Information relative to the sighting of mysterious objects, possibly aircraft, at Memphis, Tenn., follows:

a. Location and time of sighting: Memphis, Tenn., 1500 to 1700, 7 May 1948.

b. Weather at the time: Visibility unlimited and unrestricted; wind: 330 to 340 degrees, 15 mph at surface increasing to 66 mph at 20,000 feet; Surface temperature, 72 degrees; dew point, 43 degrees; relative humidity, 40 per cent.

c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses:

- (1) Miss Jean Bray, housekeeper, 258 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis.
- (2) Mr. F. J. Kaiser, salesman, 251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis.
- (3) Mrs. F. J. Kaiser, housewife, 251 W. Waldorf Ave., Memphis.

d. Photographs: None.

e. Objects sighted:

- (1) Number: 50 or 60.
- (2) Shape: Unknown, possibly like a meteor.
- (3) Size: Hard to determine, probably very small.
- (4) Color: Shiny, like bright aluminum.
- (5) Speed: Faster than any aircraft witnesses have ever seen.
- (6) Heading: Easterly.

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(7) Maneuverability: Most objects travelled in straight line; some of them zig-zagged slightly.

(8) Altitude: Extremely high. Witnesses judged altitude by comparing with known types of conventional aircraft in the air at the time.

(9) Sound: None.

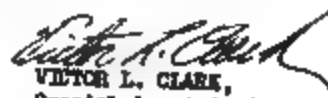
(10) Exhaust trail: Some objects seemed to have a silvery trail, which might have been exhaust.

f. These objects could not have been weather balloons because the Memphis weather bureau released only one balloon in the after-

g. The undersigned is of the opinion that the objects seen were meteorites.

h. Evaluation of sub-paragraph g above: B-5

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VICTOR L. CLARK,  
Special Agent in Charge,

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(8 May 1948)

HEADQUARTERS THIRD ARMY, Fort McPherson, Georgia, 11 May 1948

TO: Comdant, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: KCI

Forwarded with reference to our TWX, same subject, dated 8 May 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



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Lt. Col., [REDACTED]

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PA TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE SCUSA UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT  
APPROXIMATELY FIFTY OR SIXTY IN NUMBER SIGHTED AT MEMPHIS TENN SEVEN  
MAY NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT BETWEEN FIFTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN HUNDRED  
HOUR PD WEATHER CLEAR VISIBILITY UNLIMITED AND UNRESTRICTED WIND  
DIRECTION THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-TO THREE HUNDRED-FORTY DEGREE: WIND  
SPEED FIFTEEN M P H AT SURFACE INCREASED TO SIXTY SIX M P H AT TWENTY  
THOUSAND FT SURFACE TEMPERATURE SEVENTY TWO DEGREES DEW POINT FORTY  
PERCENT RELATIVE HUMIDITY FORTY PERCENT WITNESSES MISS JEAN BRAY  
251 W WALDO AVE MEMPHIS TENN MR F J KAISER SALESMAN 291  
251 W WALDO AVE MEMPHIS MR F J KAISER 251 W WALDO AVE MEMPHIS

OBJECTS APPEARANCE POSSIBLY LIKE A METEOR SIZE PROBABLY SMALL  
COLOR SHINY (SPEED FASTER THAN ANY AIR CRAFT WITNESSES HAVE EVER SEEN  
DIRECTION OF TRAVEL EAST MANEUVERABILITY STRAIGHT LINE SOME SLIGHTLY  
ZIG-ZAG ALTITUDE EXTREMELY HIGH ESTIMATION JUDGED BY AIR CRAFT IN  
AIR AT THAT TIME SOUND NONE EXHAUST TRAIL SEVERAL APPEARED TO HAVE  
A SILVERY TAIL PD ONE WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED IN MEMPHIS ON THE AFTER  
NOON OF SEVEN MAY AND THE LOCAL PAPER CARRIED A SMALL RELEASE ON  
THE SUBJECT NO FURTHER DETAILS R E S T R I C T E D

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Incident # 117

Incident # 118

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **28 Mar 48** Incident #118
2. Time **1630 hours**
3. Location **Berlin Lichtstrasse, Kirchbachstrasse 2**
4. Name of observer **Dr Orms.**
5. Occupation of observer **Former guided missile expert at Rheinmetall Werke**
6. Address of observer **Berlin Lichtstrasse, Kirchbachstrasse 2**
7. Place of observation **As above**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **14 kilometers**
12. Speed **rather fast**
13. Direction of flight **South to North**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **No sound reported**
16. Size **"white, oval"**
17. Color **White**
18. Shape **N/S**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **No exhaust trail reported**
22. Weather conditions **clear**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Dr. Orams, former Guided Missile expert at Huntsville, Merig mentioned that he sighted 1 white point moving from South to North at an approx height of 14 kilometers, speed unknown and, rather fast, no rpt of sound, and no report of exhaust trail.

WITNESSES: Dr and Mrs. Orams.  
No photographs available.



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IN REPLY CITE: WAR SVC 6480 (RELAYS MSG DTG 051716Z)(Cited EDGM or EX 3333)

Info DEAF for A-2. Reference control number A-1917. During routine con-  
versation on 24 April, 1948, 1 Doctor Orms, former Guided Missile expert at  
EXPERIMENTAL Borwig, mentioned that he sighted 1 white point moving from South to  
North at an approximate height of 14 Kilometers; speed undetermined, rather fast;  
no rpt no sound and no rpt no exhaust trail. Location and time of sighting: Berlin-  
Lichtenrade, Kirchbachstrasse 2; 1630 hours, 28 March 1948. Weather: CLEAR. Wit-  
nesses: Doctor and Mrs Orms. Photographs not rpt not available.

NOTE: 2330 Hrs 6 May 1948 No action taken - Hold until morning, 5/7/48

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Incident # 115

Incident # 119

## Check list - Unidentified Flying Objects

1. Date 20 Feb 45
2. Time 0700 hours
3. Location Asuncion, Paraguay
4. Name of observer Mrs Agustina Vargas de Paula
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer resident of Asuncion (southern part of city)
7. Place of observation Asuncion
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight west to east
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape oval
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails highly colored smoke
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S

At approximately 0700 hours 20 Feb 48 witness saw object of oval shape traveling thru space from west to east. Its form ended in a very thin tail of approximately 3 feet in length. The forward part was bulky compared with the rear. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow and orange colors and it had a highly colored wake.

Statements were obtained from a local newspaper "La Tribune" which has interviewed several people claiming to have seen the anomaly.

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **20 Feb 45** Incident # 113a
2. Time **0700**
3. Location **Aregua - 10 miles east of Asuncion**
4. Name of observer **"Withold"**
5. Occupation of observer **employee of Bank of Paraguay**
6. Address of observer **Bank of Paraguay**
7. Place of observation ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ **in Aregua**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **west to east**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **oval**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **N, no**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

An employee of the Bank of Paraguay declared that in Arague, 20 miles east of Asuncion on 20 Feb 48 at 0700 hours an object which he judged to be a meteor crossed the sky from west to east. Many other people also saw this object. Its form was oval and it had various colors and all agreed that it was a meteor. Later, inhabitants of Cicerro Gu. claimed to have seen a "st r" fall in one of the hills some distance to the east of Arague.

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **20 Feb 48** Incident # 1196
2. Time **0700**
3. Location **Villa Hayes (10 miles W of Asuncion)**
4. Name of observer **San Rancher and laborers**
5. Occupation of observer **Rancher**
6. Address of observer **finca "Quince"**
7. Place of observation **Ranch house in neighborhood of Villa Hayes**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **1,000 ft**
12. Speed **less than that of a plane**
13. Direction of flight **west to east**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **disc**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S - gave off an intense green color**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**



Perceived a disc giving off an intense green color. Witness reports that the object traveled from west to east at a speed less than that of a plane and at an altitude of approx 1000 ft. Along its edge it gave off an aureole with the color green predominant.

PARAGUAY

Flying Saucers over Asuncion \* \* \* A conservative Paraguayan newspaper of Asuncion recently published the result of interviews with several people who reported having seen flying saucers in that area. Some of the persons interviewed believed the object was a meteor while others thought it was a machine. Descriptions of various witnesses coincided to a marked degree. The general opinion was that it was an oval-shaped object, bigger in front than in the rear, and tapering down to a thin tail about 5 ft long. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow, and orange colors and a highly mixed colored smoke, or exhaust.

Comment: The reporting officer suggests that a meteor may have been seen, but is not technically qualified to say that this is so.

ID. GSUSA

26 Feb 48

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Flying Saucers Reported Over Asuncion  
AA Paraguay 2-189-47

26 February 1948

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SAMUEL J. BRUNER, Major, GSC Press

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(12 Mar 48)

FLYING SAUCERS REPORTED OVER  
ASUNCION

1. In recent days there have been various rumors concerning the appearance of flying saucers in and around Paraguay. A local newspaper, "La Tribuna," which enjoys the reputation of being serious, has interviewed several people who claim to have seen these saucers. A synopsis of their statements follows.

a. Mrs. Agustina VARIAS de Paula, resident in the southern part of the city, on 20 February 1948 at 0700 hours, saw an object of oval form traveling through space from west to east. Its form ended in a very thin tail of approximately three feet in length. The forward part was bulky compared with the rear. The interior portion of the object gave off green, yellow, and orange colors, and it had a highly colored wake. (The article mentioned that these observations coincide with reports from Buenos Aires.)

b. An employee of the Bank of Paraguay, who's name was withheld in the report, declared that in Aragua, ten miles east of Asuncion, on approximately the same date at 0700 hours, an object which he judged to be a meteor, crossed the sky from west to east. Many other people also saw this object. Its form was oval and it had various colors, and all agreed that it was a meteor. Later inhabitants of Cicervo Oza claimed to have seen a "star" fall in one of the hills some distance to the east of Aragua.

c. A rancher who lives in the Chaco reported that on 20 February at approximately 0700 hours, he was at a ranch house in the neighborhood of Vil a Hayes (ten miles north-northeast of Asuncion), with his laborers, when they saw a disc cross the sky giving off an intense green color. He reports that the object travelled from west to east at a speed less than that of an air plane, and at an altitude of approximately one thousand feet. Along its edge it gave off an aureole with the color green predominant.

d. Various individuals visiting Asuncion from the interior claim that many country people saw this rare object, believing it to be a celestial phenomenon.

2. "La Tribuna" concludes that one or more flying saucers may have flown across Paraguay, but does not assert that as a proven fact. See the inclosed clipping.

COMMENT:

It is interesting to note the coincidence of the date and time given by the various individuals who claim to have seen this phenomenon. ■■■ undersigned suggests that a small meteor may have been seen, but is not technically qualified to say that this is so. This report is interesting when compared with 2-18-47. In the case of the flying saucer reported in the latter report, no other witness ever came forth to describe the occurrence.

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Incident # 119

Incident # 120

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **M/S - 270 at 7 Feb 48** Incident # 180
2. Time **M/S**
3. Location **Vaile, Denmark**
4. Name of observer **M/S**
5. Occupation of observer **field laborer**
6. Address of observer **M/S**
7. Place of observation **Saebjerg (near Vaile)**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **200 meters altitude**
10. Time in sight **M/S 3 seconds**
11. altitude **200 meters altitude**
12. Speed **high speed**
13. Direction of flight **SE to NW**
14. Tactics **M/S**
15. Sound **M/S**
16. Size **M/S**
17. Color **shining**
18. Shape **M/S**
19. Color detected **M/S**
20. apparent construction **M/S**
21. Exhaust trails **M/S**
22. Weather conditions **M/S**
23. Effect on clouds **M/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **M/S**
26. Remarks: **(None)**

Three men working in a field in Gadsbjerg (near Vejle) Denmark, have observed a shining object which moved at high speed over the sky from southeast to northwest at about 200 meters altitude. It remained visible for three seconds.

NA COMMENT: No verification received of the above. Evaluation F-6



Mid # 8410-0000  
Mag # 701-500  
Ret # R-70-46

Country: Denmark

I. D. No. 438372

EE-10775

Subject: Flying Saucers Reported over Vejle

From: CMA-Denmark References: Report this office, R-34-46, dtd 21 Jan 46

Evaluation P-6 Date of Info: 7 Feb 46 Date of Rpt: 12 Feb 1946

Incl: Prepared by: Lt Col. Franklin E. Tomlinson Source: Aftenbladet -  
newspaper

Report:

Danish newspaper, AFTENBLADET, 7 Feb 46 reports from Vejle (Lat. 55 - 42N Long. 09 - 32E) that three men working in a field in GARDVÆG, near VEJLE, have observed a shining object which moved at high speed over the sky from south east to north west at about 200 meters altitude. It remained visible for three seconds.

M/A COMMENT: No verification received of the above.

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APPROVED:

signed: Earl C. Esert

Earl C. Esert  
Colonel, GSC  
Military Attache

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Incident # 120

Incident # 121

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 121

1. Date: 9 January 1948
2. Time: 2330
3. Location: Cartersville, Georgia, 34° 10' N, 84° 49' W
4. Name of observer: Hugh Duffee
5. Occupation of observer: Pilot (AL)
6. Address of observer: N/S
7. Place of observation: Air
8. Number of objects: one
9. Distance of object from observer: N/S
10. Time in sight: N/S
11. Altitude: 3000 feet
12. Speed: 1,000 mph
13. Direction of flight: 175° W
14. Tactics: none
15. Sound: N/S
16. Size:  $\Delta$
17. Color: Light, shimmering
18. Shape: Circular, except for the top quarter which was flat, pointed
19. Color detected: N/S
20. Apparent construction: N/S
21. Exhaust trails: none
22. Weather conditions: N/S
23. Effect on clouds: N/S
24. Sketches or photographs: none
25. Manner of disappearance: 10° below the horizon
26. Remarks: When object crossed the path of the witness all that could be observed was an intense blue flame, in a shape circular except for

the to quarter which was flat, pot-shaped. The witness states that the object definitely did not have the curved trajectory of a wingless missile. Shortly after crossing his path, the blue flame sputtered and turned immediately eastward. The flame then died altogether but nothing was seen hitting the ground. Witness states that the flame was not of the long trailing type, but rather gave the impression that you were looking down a long exhaust stack at a short but concentrated mass of blue flame and further stated that his connection with RAF pilots in England during the war leads him now to believe this object looked like some of the "buzz bombs" caused by those RAF pilots at night. Arthur Porter, present on this flight on January 18, also saw the object, the flame only, but can give no further evidence for its identification.

Mr. Porter stated on April 27 that seventy-five cattle had died of an unknown disease on the farm of a Mr. Leroy A. Newman, Georgia, and expressed concern over a possible connection between this unidentified object he reported and the unusual fatality among healthy cattle. However, the Director of the Animal Industry Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, advises that this "unknown" disease has persisted for over a year and other cases reported elsewhere in the country for some time back. There apparently remains no basis for connection between the object reported and the death of seventy-five cattle at Newman, Georgia.

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21 May 1948

SUBJECT: Incident Report

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
10000th AF Base  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio  
Attention: T-1

Commanding General  
Air Defense Command  
Mitchel Field, N. Y.  
Attention: AS/S, Intelligence

1. On January 10, 1948 one Hugh Dubose, Eastern Air Lines pilot, reported to the Atlanta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that shortly before midnight 9 January 1948, he observed an unknown object crossing the path of his aircraft in the area of Greenville and Ansonville, Georgia.
2. Mr. Dubose was on a heading of about 130° Mag. enroute from St. Louis, Missouri, to Atlanta at altitude of about 3000 feet, flying an C-47, when this object crossed his path on an approximate heading of 175° Mag. at the same altitude. All he could observe was an intense blue flame (light, sky-blue) in a shape circular except for the top quarter which was flat (i.e. not shaped). Mr. Dubose states the object was on a course about 100° below horizontal, but definitely did not have the curved trajectory of a winged aircraft.
3. Mr. Dubose estimates the speed of the object as being in the neighborhood of 400 MPH. Shortly after crossing his path, the blue flame splattered and turned immediately overhead. The flame then died altogether and Mr. Dubose could not see anything hitting the ground.
4. Mr. Dubose states that the flame was not of the long trailing type but rather gave the impression that you were looking at it down a long exhaust stack at a short but concentrated mass of blue flame, and further stated that his connections with RAF pilots in England during the war leads him now to believe this object looked the same as the "Buz Bomb" chased by those RAF pilots at night.

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5. Mr. Arthur Porter, purser on Mr. DuBois's flight 9 January 1948, also saw the object (the flame only, that is), but can give no further evidence for its identification.

6. Army Flight Service reported no jet aircraft in the vicinity that night.

7. Third Army and the FBI has had further evidence of the "flying" object in the air or crashing on that date.

8. Mr. DuBois advised this office on April 29 that seventy-five (75) head of cattle died of a disease on the farm of a Mr. Gordy at Lawton, Georgia, and expressed concern over a possible connection between the unidentified object he reported and this unusual fatality among healthy cattle. However, the Atlanta Office of the Animal Industry Division, U. S. Department of Agriculture, advises that this "unknown" disease has persisted for over a year, and other cases reported elsewhere in the country for some time back. Although they admit no cure has yet been found and the disease remains incompletely diagnosed, there apparently remains no basis for correlation between the object Mr. DuBois reports and the death of the seventy or more cattle at Lawton, Georgia.

FOR THE SAC, A FIELD OFFICER,

STEVE LATRAM  
Major, USAF  
Executive Officer

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12 January 1948

Summary of Information:

A reliable government agency advised that an unidentified burning object was sighted North of Cartersville, Georgia, at midnight, January 9, 1948. Hugh Dubose, pilot, Eastern Airlines, advised that on the night of January 9, at midnight, that he and G. N. Jackson, co-pilot, and Arthur Forter, purser on Eastern Airlines run between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Atlanta, Georgia, observed, at the time indicated, an object flying past their plane going approximately 300 m.p.h. The incident occurred North of Cartersville, Georgia, at approximately 4,000 ft. The object which was brightly lighted, slanted down at a ten degree angle. No one had a good look at the object but Dubose felt it was a rocket of some type inasmuch as it was moving parallel with the plane and had bluish flame coming out of the rear.

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Ltr fr Wright-Patterson Flt Sv Ctr, Dayton, Ohio dtd 3 Feb 48, subj:  
Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Ga.

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acall 231 t Service Center, Maxwell AF Base, Montgomery, Ala. Oper  
Doc 45-5, 13 February 1948.

Commanding Officer, Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center,  
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio, Oper Loan 33-9.

1. Reference paragraph 1, 1st Ind, a thorough check of records,  
flight plans and forms 23 for 8, 9, and 10 January 1948 at this Center  
failed to reveal any information on jet aircraft or reports of fires  
or explosions in the vicinity of Cartersville, Georgia. Personnel  
duty in the Maxwell Flight Service Center on 8, 9, and 10 January  
were questioned but none recalled any information on incidents of  
jet aircraft or reports of fires or explosions in the Georgia area.

2. Check with Base Weather personnel also failed to reveal  
information on this subject.

3. For further possible explanation, it is suggested that this  
matter be referred to Headquarters, Field Office of the Air Inspector,  
Langley Field, Virginia, ATTN: Flying Safety Division.

RICHARD LOOMIS  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Commanding

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cc: 231 Flt Sv, Wash. D.C.

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Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,  
Ohio  
18 February 1948

TO: Chief, Analysis Division, Intelligence Department, Wright-Patterson  
Air Force Base, Ohio (MIA)

1. Information requested in basic communication can not be furnished  
by this Center. Therefore it was forwarded to Headquarters Flight Service  
Washington, D.C. and thence to Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell,  
Field, Alabama for any information available.

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Subject: Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Ga.

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3 Feb 68

2. Second indorsement to this communication is all available information that can be furnished by Flight Service.

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RE ARNOLD E. MATHEWS  
Major, USAF  
Commanding

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A/Ltr F/Wright-Patterson FS Center, Dayton, Ohio, subj: "Jet Aircraft  
North of Cartersville, Ga", dtd 3 February 1948

Para 11.

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Maxwell Flight Service, Washington 25, D. C. 10 Feb 1948

The Commanding Officer, Maxwell Flight Service Center, Maxwell Air Force  
Base, Montgomery, Alabama, Operating Location 33-6

1. Check for information regarding jet aircraft or  
crashes or explosions in the vicinity of Cartersville, Georgia,  
between the dates of January 8, 9, or 10 Jan. 1948.
2. If any information is discovered which warrants further investi-  
gation, report information from reliable sources.
3. Forward information as expeditiously as possible to Commanding  
Officer, Wright-Patterson Flight Service Center with information copy  
to the nearest AF. A negative report will be submitted.

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ALVI 11111  
1st Lt., USAF  
Asst Adjutant

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**F I D E N T I A L**

AIRMAIL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER  
Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

TO:

3 February, 1948

FROM: Jet Aircraft North of Carterville, Georgia

TO: Commanding Officer  
Flight Service  
Washington 25, D. C.

Request that you have dispatchers furnish this Center any available  
information relative to the enclosed RMI and attached paper in order that  
the appropriate action may be completed with as soon as possible.

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Charles L. Milnes  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Commanding

**F I D E N T I A L**

Jet Aircraft North of Cartersville, Georgia

ACIA

29 Jul 48

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1. This office is interested in determining the nature of the object described in the enclosed "Summary of Information" dated 7 Jan 1948. It is possible that the object being a jet aircraft is being investigated. If the object is traveling downward at a ten degree angle, it may be possible that reports available of a crash, fire or explosion in the vicinity of the object.

2. It is requested that information be obtained and furnished this office relative to the presence of jet aircraft in the vicinity at the time indicated. Information available regarding a crash, fire or explosion should be furnished.

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Summary of Info\*  
7/17 Jul 48

W. H. CHAMBERLAIN  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Analysis Division  
Intelligence Department

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Incident # 121



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 5 April 1948 Incident # 122
2. Time N/S
3. Location follows Air Force case
4. Name of observer R. Olsen
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude Very high
12. Speed faster than any known aircraft
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics erratic - completing a large loop after its downward descent, then soaring upward and disappearing suddenly
15. Sound None
16. Size Large
17. Color Gray-white
18. Shape rounded, indistinct form
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C.A.V. 10
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: This was evidently the one object, of two sighted by another witness, that veered to the right and down. Its vaguely



defined form gave the appearance of a large object at a great distance. The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112a and 112b.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minute or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 5 April 1946 Incident #122 a
2. Time Afternoon
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer Mr. Johnson
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
  - a. Place of observation From the ground
7. Number of objects One
8. Distance of object from observer N/S
9. Time in sight 30 seconds
10. Altitude Very high
11. Speed Transcendent
12. Direction of flight West
13. Path Object made three vertical loops, upon completion of which it disappeared in a large arc to the west
14. Sound None
15. Size Considering the moon the size of an orange, the object was the size of a dime
16. Color N/S
17. Shape Bore some resemblance to, but definitely not, a balloon
18. Odor detected None
19. Apparent construction N/S
20. Exhaust trails N/S
21. Weather conditions N/S
22. Effect on clouds N/S
23. Sketches or photographs None
24. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
25. Remarks: Presumably Mr. Johnson saw the object that did not wear to the right. (See Incident #112 b) He stated that it was absolutely

silent on the desert that afternoon and that no audible noise was heard from the object. Neither was any signal nor atmospheric noise heard on the 100-meter receiver to which he was listening at the time. He further stated that the wind at high altitude that day was very calm being only 10 to 15 miles an hour from the west at 65,000 feet.

The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112 and 112b.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 102 b

1. Date 5 April 1948
2. Time N/S
3. Location Holloman Air Force Base
4. Name of observer Mr. Chance
5. Occupation of observer Trained balloon observer, Geophysics Lab Section
6. Address of observer N/S
7. Place of observation From the ground
8. Number of objects Two
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. altitude Very high
12. Speed Very high, faster than any known aircraft
13. Direction of flight 1 straight up, 1 disappeared in the west  
First one veered to the right, started down and was lost to view.
14. Tactics Second one made arc into the west at a terrific speed and disappear suddenly.
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Golden hue
18. Shape Had appearance of a major's insignia, that is, irregularly rounded and slightly concave on top
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared suddenly
26. Remarks: Mr. Chance was the only one of the three witnesses who saw two objects. When he first perceived them, they were going

straight up then one veered to the right, started down, and was lost to view. Directing his attention to the other object, Mr. Chance saw it arc into the west at a terrific speed and disappear suddenly. Mr. Chance described the object as being of a golden hue, rather indistinct in outline and possessing somewhat the appearance of a major's insignia, that is, irregularly rounded and slightly convex on top.

The statements of other witnesses to this incident are contained in reports 112 and 112a.

All witnesses agreed that the object was very high, moved faster than any known aircraft, possessed a rounded, indistinct form, and disappeared suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 minutes or slightly less. It was definitely not a balloon, and apparently not manned, judging from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

Ampliment to Trip Report to various Laboratories - 3 and 4 Jun 48

1. Col Dingerman

2. Col McCoy

1. Personnel interviewed on this trip were Dr. Powell, Mr. Chance, Olsen and Mr. Johnson of the Geophysics Laboratory Section and Dr. Nowinski of the Radar Laboratory.

2. Contrary to existing reports, Dr. Powell was not witness to the sighting at Holloman Air Force Base on or about 12th April 1948. However, Dr. Powell was very cooperative and helped in his statements, along with Mr. Chance, regarding present while they presented their versions of the sighting which occurred in the afternoon of the 5th April 1948 while the two of them were searching the skies for an experimental balloon release about the time. The sighting was made at the same time. It was first believed to be the balloon, however, they almost immediately discovered their error and agreed that if the sighting object bore some resemblance to a balloon, it was left intact.

3. Dr. Chance was the only one of the three who saw two objects. When he first received them they were going straight up then he turned to the right, started down, and was lost to view. Directing his attention to the other object, Dr. Chance saw it arc into the west at terrific speed and in a very short time. Dr. Chance described the object as being of a slender, cigar-like shape in outline and possessing somewhat the same shape of a major's insignia, that is, irregular rounded and slightly concave in form.

4. Mr. Olsen saw only one object which was evidently the one that we refer to the right and down. He was able to keep it in sight longer than did Mr. Chance and described its maneuvers as completing a large loop after its downward descent, then soaring upward and disappearing suddenly. Then it came red-gray-white in color, its vaguely defined form giving the appearance of a large object at great distance.

5. Presumably Mr. Johnson saw the object that did not veer to the right. He stated that this object made three vertical loops from correlation of which it disappeared in a large arc to the west at tremendous speed. He admitted that at first glance it seemed to resemble a balloon but in his considered opinion it was definitely not that. He stated that it was absolutely silent on the desert that afternoon and that no audible noise was heard from the object. Neither was any signal nor atmospheric noise heard on the VHF receiver to which he was listening at the time. He further stated that the wind at high altitude that day was very calm being only 10 to 15 miles an hour from the west at 65,000 feet. As for analogous size, if the object were considered the size of an orange the object would approximate the size of a dime.

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Sample sent to Air Lab to test - Labs - 3 and 4 Jun 48

... on the following: the object was very high, moved slowly from aircraft, nose seemed rounded, indistinct form, and became not suddenly rather than fading away in the distance. It was under observation 1/2 at later or slightly later. It was definitely not a balloon and apparently not learned signals from the violent maneuvers which were performed at a high rate of speed.

Dr. Peoples stated that he placed great credence upon these observations because all three men are trained balloon observers. He suggested a revision team equipped with a radar apparatus both optical and electronic to allow Air Force use in order that more definite information be secured in the event of a recurrence of an incident of this nature. He also suggested that the Air Force stations in the U. S. be alerted for the search for and to report any similar incidents.

Mr. Szostowski of the Air Force interviewed on a line... stated that he had observed very closely with a telescope. It... to this office, Mr. Szostowski stated that it was very... to the Air Force... optical... device, the... Mr. Szostowski reported... of this... could not be... by the other tracker, Mr. Szostowski... off the "object" which was... on the radar... as being the illusion of... "lost" did not move, and was possibly... in... of the radar... The... of "ripples" which is the effect on radar by the white... and... in... west of the air base. He also mentioned another form... called "bursts" which... been detected... which are believed to... changes in air density, such... observed and reported from... reports.

CONCLUSIONS

1. In the light of Mr. Szostowski's statements, the frequency of the sightings at Holloman Air Force Base does not warrant the... of a... at this station. Should the situation become more frequent... evidence received from Dr. Peoples' alerted observers, further consideration will be given to the initiation of such a project.
2. The... of... at Tinker Field will be questioned... to the feasibility of... stations to be... the... for unidentified aerial objects. A similar report will be made to the... and... through... Army... Corps.

John...  
Lt Col., USAF  
Project Officer  
Tech Incl 37.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
XXXXXXXX  
12 May 1948

Project "SIGM"

Commanding Officer  
Holloman Air Force Base  
Alamogordo, New Mexico

1. On 4 May 1948, Lt Colonel James C. Beem and Mr. Alfred G. Leeding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. Peeples of the Watson Laboratories.

2. It was learned that a Lt Hartley has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

BY ORDER OF GENERAL McWARTNEY:

W. H. CLINCHMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
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12 May 1946

Project "HIGH"

Commanding Officer  
Holloman Air Force Base  
Alamogordo, New Mexico

1. On 5 May 1946, Lt Colonel James C. Bean and Mr. Alfred C. Loeding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. Peeples of the Sains Laboratories.

2. It was learned that a Lt Hartley has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL McMARNEY:

W. E. CLINGERMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

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11 May 1948

Report of Trip to Hellenes Air Force Base, 5 - 6 May 1948

1. The primary purpose of this trip was to interview Dr. Peoples, representing the Watson Laboratories, who was temporarily on loan to Hellenes Air Force Base. Upon arrival, it was learned that Dr. Peoples had returned to the Watson Laboratories at Red Bank, N. J. A teletype sent from Hellenes Air Force Base stating that Dr. Peoples would not be available for interview did not reach Hq. AMC in sufficient time to postpone the visit. However, it was learned that Dr. Peoples would be at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. on or about 11 May 1948 for an indefinite period of time.

2. A civilian, Mr. Joseph Olson, who works in the same laboratory with Dr. Peoples had also seen the unidentified flying object while in the presence of Dr. Peoples. Mr. Olson was interviewed with the following stated results:

a. The object definitely was not a balloon.

b. The object appeared round and white; was at a great altitude and moved at a high rate of speed.

3. Mr. Olson promised to send in a detailed report through channels, together with the report of another civilian who also witnessed the phenomenon.

4. It was also learned that a Lt Hartley who works in the Radar Laboratory at Hellenes AF Base has, on several occasions in the past, witnessed on his scope unidentified flying objects at high altitudes, moving at a very high rate of speed. Lt Hartley was not available for interview; however, a request for a detailed report of these observations was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, Hellenes Air Force Base.

5. Lt Colonel James C. Bean and Mr. Alfred G. Leedling proceeded to Phoenix, Ariz. to interview Mr. William I. Rhodes and follow up on the report and photographs submitted by him some months ago. Although Mr. Rhodes is currently employed as a pipe-fitter-in a night club, his primary interest is in a small but quite complete laboratory behind his home. According to his business card, this laboratory is called "Panoramic Research - Laboratory and Observatory", and Mr. Rhodes is referred to as the "Chief of Staff". Mr. Rhodes appeared to be completely sincere and apparently is quite interested in scientific experiments. Mr. Rhodes stated he was an aircraft recognition instructor during the last war, and that in his opinion, the object sighted definitely was not a wind-blown object. He reiterated that the object was not less than 2000 ft. away and that it was not much more than 2000 ft. away unless he had greatly underestimated its size. Mr. Rhodes pointed out where he had stood when he took the pictures of this flying object and indicated the exact paths of approach and departure of the object. He added that when the object turned directly away from him, he observed what appeared to be one large opening or vent across the entire trailing edge. Mr. Rhodes promised to send in another more detailed report, incorporating this observation.

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6. Mr. Rhodes also mentioned having seen a series of photographs taken by another civilian in Phoenix, Ariz. on approximately the same day. He promised to investigate this case and to forward a set of these photographs to this headquarters if they are available. Mr. Rhodes permitted the ordinary box type camera with which he took his pictures to be brought to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for examination.

JAMES C. NEALE  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Project Officer

Concurred in:

ALFRED C. LENDING  
Technical Assistant  
Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

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**HEADQUARTERS  
 AIR MATERIEL COMMAND**

WRIGHT/PATTERSON/AMC  
 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
 WRIGHT-PATTERSON, DAYTON, OHIO  
 12 May 1948

TO: DIV. ADDRESS BOTH  
 COMMUNICATION AND EN-  
 VOICES TO COMMANDING  
 GENERAL AIR MATERIEL  
 COMMAND. ATTENTION  
 FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

**SUBJECT:** Project "Jill"

**TO:** Commanding Officer  
 Holloman Air Force Base  
 Alamogordo, New Mexico

1. On 5 May 1948, Lt Colonel James C. Bean and Mr. Alfred C. Wooding, representatives of Intelligence Department, this Command, visited your headquarters for the purpose of interviewing Dr. Peoples of the Watson Laboratories.

2. It was learned that a Lt Markley has, in several instances in the past, detected on a radar scope unidentified flying objects moving at an excessive rate of speed. It is desired that a report be submitted to this headquarters giving all available information on these reported sightings. Future observations of this type should be reported to this headquarters immediately.

3. CLEARED OF ORIGINAL RECORDS:

*J. R. Clingerman*  
 J. R. CLINGERMAN  
 Colonel, USAF  
 Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
 Intelligence Department

1. Approved for release, date: 24 May 1948  
 2. Approved for release, date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Approved for release, date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Markley's statement

*James C. Peterson*  
 James C. Peterson  
 Adjutant

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HOLLOWAY AIR FORCE BASE  
ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO

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S-T-A-T-E-M-E-N-T

1. Reference is made to Par 2, basic communication. Apparently a misunderstanding exists in that I did not personally see unidentified objects moving at an excessive rate of speed on a radar scope. Rather, Mr. P. Rosnovski, of Watson Laboratories, very probably saw unidentified objects. However, Mr. Rosnovski informed me that the objects seen were not moving at an excessive speed, but rather were motionless at an altitude somewhere in the vicinity of 200 miles. When these were seen on the Radar scope of the CR-4 (Modified) the angle of elevation of the Radar antenna was approximately 70 degrees from horizontal.

2. During the latter part of August, 1947, this organization was carrying on several test runs with a modified SCR-270 at this base. I had released a corner reflector and two balloons and was watching them in their flight as they drifted to the southeast from this base. While watching the balloons through a pair of ten power binoculars, a white object, appearing to be round, came into my field of vision. I followed the object as far as possible out lest it within seconds after picking it up. The object was traveling at an unprecedented rate of speed and appeared to be several thousand feet over the top of the Sacramento mountain range, traveling in horizontal flight south to north.

3. There have been other times when manning the M-2 Optical tracker, that I have seen round or flat-round objects that were unexplainable.

4. In view of Par 1, this indorsement, it is suggested that Mr. P. Rosnovski of the Radar Laboratory, AMC Watson Laboratories, Red Bank, New Jersey be contacted.

  
HERBERT G. MARLEY  
1st Lt. USAF  
Communications Officer

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# TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

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FROM AWC

DATE 30 Apr 48

W. R. CLINGERMAN, Col, USAF  
Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

TO COMMANDING OFFICER  
WALKER AIR FORCE BASE  
WALKER AFB, NEW MEXICO  
ATTN: COL PAUL F. HELMICK

NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

MIA-4-1

MR. LARRISKI OF THIS HQ INDICATED THAT DR. J. A. PEOPLES OF THE WATSON  
LABORATORIES HAS INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE  
INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT. CONFERENCE WITH DR. PEOPLES REQUESTED ON  
5 OR 6 MAY 1948. ADVISE IF CONVENIENT. INTELLIGENCE REPRESENTATIVES  
LT COL JAMES C. BEAN AND MR. A. C. LORDDING WILL TRAVEL BY MILITARY AIR.  
S. RND, TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

COORDINATION

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C. O. R. C. B.	CONTROL OFFICE	MAINTENANCE	P. S. T.	SUPPLY	PROPERTY & RECORDS	OTHERS

## Request for Travel Orders

TO:

FROM:

DATE:

1. It is requested that travel orders be prepared for:

a. Name: (1) Officers (2) Enlisted Men (3) Civilians

(1) ALVIN G. LONGDINE Lt Col AD-34448 USAF  
 First Init Last Grade Serial No Arm of

(2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 First Init Last Grade Serial No Sq A

(3) ALVIN G. LONGDINE Aeronautical Engineer  
 First Init Last Civil Service Designation

b. Travel to begin on or about 3 May 1948c. For approximate number of days 3 daysOffice of Director of Intelligence,d. To Air Intelligence Sec. Div (AFOD) Bldg, USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

Activity to be visited \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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Activity to be visited \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

e. Is any change in itinerary necessary? \_\_\_\_\_ If "Yes" give reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Purpose of travel is to discuss classified Project ST-304(1) Justification: per orders of Colonel Clineburng. Travel is in connection with Project No. ST-304h. Individual is cleared for access to A.S. Security in accordance G. Desc material pertinent to these orders. (Top Secret) (Secret)i. Mode of travel desired is by mil air 0-1/48



- j. Is per diem requested:   X           
 Yes No
- k. Funds are chargeable to   MCA    
 Division Symbol
- l. If travel is to Washington, authority from Washington must be shown
- (1) Letter
- | Office of origin | Subject | Date |
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- (2) Teletype
- | Office of origin | Number | Date |
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- (3) Telephone conversation or verbal orders
- | Name of person in Washington  | Office      |
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| <u>Col Robert Taylor, III</u> | <u>AFOR</u> |
| <u>Col E. M. Motey</u>        | <u>MCI</u>  |
| Name of person at this Hq     | Office      |
|                               |             |
- Date

- m. For permanent change of station (scientists only) List dependents showing name, relationship and age; also, state whether shipment of household goods and personal effects at government expense is requested:

- (1) Dependents

Name	Relationship	Age
Name	Relationship	Age
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Name	Relationship	Age

- (2) Is shipment of household goods requested?   Yes     No

n. I certify that I have checked this request for travel orders and consider travel essential to effectively discharge the functions of this section.

Signature of Section Chief  
W. R. CLIMMANS, Col, USAF  
 Chief, Tech Intelligence Div  
 Intelligence Department

December 9 1922

Incident # 123

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **11 April 1948** Incident # 123
2. Time **2330**
3. Location **4 miles north of Altam, Illinois**
4. Name of observer **Col W. F. Stagnand**
5. Occupation of observer **Former Commandant of the Air Base at Kearns, Utah and at present sales manager for Western Cartridge, Co., Altam.**
6. Address of observer **Western Cartridge, Co., Altam, Ill.**
7. Place of observation **4 miles north of Altam, Ill - ground**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **"flapped its wings"**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **"bigger than an airplane"**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **Resembled a large bird and not a type of aircraft**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **Col Stagnand said he observed the creature at about 11:30 A. M. 11 April 48, while riding four miles north of Altam, Ill**  
(over)

Stegum said he didn't see any flapping of wings but he was sure it was a huge owl and not a type of aircraft. He was riding with a companion, Col. Ralph Jackson, Head of Western Military Academy, at the time. Jackson, however, was talking to a farmer and didn't see it. Stegum said he didn't mention it to him as it seemed too incredible.

**Notes:** A child, James Warren, age 12, said he saw the bird flying over his home in suburban Glendale, Mo., some 3 months previous.

The Belvidere report quoted a Robert Price and Veryl Ball as saying the bird was "bigger than an airplane" and flapped its wings.

**RELIABILITY:** Impossible to evaluate.  
Col. Stegum was never questioned but some sort of investigation obviously should be made in view of the fact that he was once commandant of the Air Base at Kansas.



Incident # 123

Department of State

1954



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 16 April 1948 Incident # 121
2. Time 1500 GMT
3. Location North Atlantic, 62°00'N. 53°00'W
4. Name of observer W/S
5. Occupation of observer Weather station patrol
6. Address of observer First Coast Guard Liaison
7. Place of observation Air
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer 6500 yards - 18000 yards
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude W/S
12. Speed 30 mph
13. Direction of flight W/S
14. Tactics W/S
15. Sound W/S
16. Size W/S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape W/S
19. Color detected W/S
20. Apparent construction W/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C.A.V.U.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Target strength was 35 fading at 18,000 yards
26. Remarks: This incident is the result of a radar sighting. Copy is also filed in radar sighting file.

This target was contacted on the air search radar at 1500 GMT on 15 April 68. The first contact was made at 6500 yards and was tracked to 18,000 yards giving a velocity of approximately 30 knots. The area in which the target was contacted was thoroughly searched visually and there were no clouds or surface returns in said area. There were no target indications on the surface radar. The target strength was 35 fading at 18,000 yards.

Address Reply to  
THE CO. ADMIRAL (INF)  
Refer to File

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
Washington 25, D. C.

19 May 1948

From: Commandant  
TO: Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force  
Base, Dayton, Ohio - Attn: NCLA(XD-3)

Subj: Report on unidentified radar target; report of sighting of  
flying discs, etc.; forwarding of

1. The attached copy of report from the Commanding Officer, USCGC MEBB  
regarding an unidentified radar target, is self-explanatory and forwarded for  
your information.

2. Also inclosed are two copies of a report received from the Commanding  
Officer, Coast Guard Air Station, San Diego, California with reference to the  
sighting of vapor trails. This report was apparently submitted by Coast Guard  
aviation personnel because of the local attention they attracted and to throw  
light on subsequent wild reports that might be received from unqualified observers  
from that area.

By direction of the Commandant.

S. Y. RAMSUD  
Lieut. Comdr, USCG  
Chf. of Intelligence & Law  
Enforcement Division

Incl  
2 reports

also filed as number 416

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U. S. G. C. BIRD

Commanding Officer  
USCGC BIRD (WPG-31), Boston 13, Mass.

12 May 48

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From: Commanding Officer, USCGC BIRD  
TO: The Commandant (INF)

Via: Commander, First Coast Guard District (d11)

Subj: Unidentified Radar Target; report of

Ref: (a) Intelligence and Law Enforcement Circular No. 1-48

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted covering an unidentified radar target tracked while this ship was on Ocean Weather Station patrol station Able (62-00 N, 33-00 W) from 3 to 24 April 1948.

2. This target was contacted on the air search radar at 1500 GMT on 18 April 1948. The first contact was made at 6500 yards and was tracked to 18,000 yards giving a velocity of approximately 30 n. p. h. The area in which the target was contacted was thoroughly searched visually and there were no clouds nor weather fronts in said area. There were no target indications on the surface radar. The target strength was 85 fading at 18,000 yards.

3. The above time and date was the only time this phenomenon was observed by this ship.

/s/ V. O. JOHNSON

Ind-1  
Commander, 1st Coast Guard District  
Boston 13, Massachusetts  
and refer to file: 0-601

12 May 1948

Forwarded for Headquarters information

/s/ A. G. HALL  
Chief of Staff



Incident # 125

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 2 May 1948
2. Time night
3. Location St. Louis, Mo. 40° 00' N 90° 15' W
4. Name of observer St. Louis Post Dispatch, 4 May 48. (reported)
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer St. Louis, Mo.
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects One (1)
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight N/S
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Phosphorescent after dark (dull glow)
18. Shape bird
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: See Incident 123

Incident # 123

From: Current News - May 5 1948, page 6

FLYING WHAT-IS-IT'S PHOSPHORESCENCE NO HELP  
IN SEARCH

St. Louis Post Dispatch

Glow Reported Seen Only at Night - Pileas Bird Ruled Out - (May 2 1948)

The newly-acquired phosphorescence of the mysterious flying what-is-it which has been reported beating its wings out over North St. Louis with recent regularity will not help the Civil Air Patrol today.

The patrol, patriotically, will send out a flight of small planes to search for the oversized bird seen often of late. The winged creature's phosphorescence, or dull glow in the dark, was first reported Friday night by three persons who "Could scarcely believe our eyes." This dull glowing is not visible in the daylight.

The night flights remove that suspicion that the Pileas bird, legendary enemy of the Illini Indians has returned. It made its raids only at dawn according to Charles Hartenstein, administrative assistant to Mayor Aloys P. Kaufmann, assigned to investigate reports about the bird.



Incident # 125



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 126
1. Date 30 April 1948
  2. Time 1015
  3. Location Anacostia, oval in location, 32°52'N, 77°00'W
  4. Name of observer Marcus L. Lowe
  5. Occupation of observer Lt Commander, US Navy
  6. Address of observer N/A
  7. Place of observation A-1R
  8. Number of objects one
  9. Distance of object from observer One mile
  10. Time in sight N/A
  11. Altitude 500 feet
  12. Speed 100 mph.
  13. Direction of flight 360°.
  14. Tactics N/A
  15. Sound N/A
  16. Size 25 - 30 ft diameter
  17. Color yellow (light colored)
  18. Shape sphere
  19. Odor detected N/A
  20. Apparent construction N/A
  21. Exhaust trails N/A
  22. Weather conditions N/A
  23. Effect on clouds N/A
  24. Sketches or photographs None
  25. Manner of disappearance N/A
  26. Remarks: The object appeared to the pilot to be a yellow (or light colored) balloon, and attracted attention principally because

of its flight path. No external fittings or attachments were observed on the object. The speed of the object was estimated at about 100 mph. The direction of the object was in a proximally a south to north direction, despite the wind from north northwest, and apparently followed a constant altitude. Pilot did not pursue object further because it was entering a prohibited flying area, near the local White House area.

AFTR-10-5 (5-61)

21 May 1948

**SUBJECT: Flying Discs**

**TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
Attn: NCI**

Attached is a report of a flying disc sighting by an officer on duty in the Effusive Air Branch of this Directorate.

**BY ORDER AND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:**

1 Incl.

**ROBERT TAYLOR 2nd**  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Collection Branch  
Air Materiel Command  
Directorate of Operations

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Report for Lt Col Jones

The undersigned officer was participating as pilot on a local flight on 4/19/48, in Navy aircraft SA-100. At 10:15 local time, at an altitude of about 5000 feet, on a heading of about 180 degrees, just south of acoustic level air, an object was sighted ahead to the left and about 1000 feet below the aircraft. The object resembled a yellow sphere estimated to be about 100 feet in diameter. The flight path of the object was approximately northward direction (quite near side from North Northwest) and then followed a curve at altitude. Pilot did not pursue object because it was entering the prohibited flying area. Lt Col Jones, etc.

The object was seen by pilot to be a yellow, glowing sphere, which attracted attention principally because of its flight path. No other witnesses were present to observe or describe the object. The speed of the object was estimated to be about 1000 feet per second.

W. L. Low  
 Lt Col, U. S. Air

Incidents # 127

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 127

1. Date May 14
2. Time /S
3. Location Lake Iran, along Yugoslav-Creek frontier
4. Name of observer N/S
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer /S
7. Place of observation /S
8. Number of objects N/S
9. Distance of object from observer /S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude 3000 feet
12. Speed /S
13. Direction of flight 10°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound Like artillery shell (shell) noise
16. Size /S
17. Color N/S
18. Shape Flat, disc
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: A press dispatch quoted residents of the Lake Iran area along the Yugoslav-Creek frontier as saying they saw a "flying



disc<sup>d</sup>. It was described as speedin' so toward from Yugoslavia at a height  
of about 3,000 feet, makin' a noise like an artillery shell.

### **What?—Again?**

A 500-ton shell exploded in a park, killing a child, besides a number of other persons, along the Singapore-Singapore coast, as a result of the explosion. It was reported as exploding southward from Singapore at a height of about 3,000 feet, making a noise like an artillery shell.

Incident # 127

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 128

1. Date 2 May 1948
2. Time 11:18
3. Location (lat. lon.) Idleport, 10, 30° 00' N, 62° 03' W
4. Name of observer Sam Rye
5. Occupation of observer New York Central System Car Inspector
6. Address of observer N/A
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects 1/3
9. Distance of object from observer N/A
10. Time in sight 1/2
11. Altitude 6 - 7 miles
12. Speed Great amount of speed
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics N/A
15. Sound N/A
16. Size 9" diameter round, round lead
17. Color phosphorescent
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/A
20. Apparent construction N/A
21. Exhaust trails Phosphorescent trail in sky
22. Weather conditions N/A
23. Effect on clouds N/A
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/A
26. Remarks: The above covers sighting of same objects by Earl Routh, New York Central System Car Inspector; Bob White, New York Central

and Mark and G. K. Hite, New York Central Patrolman. Patrolman Hite stated in addition that his attention was called to these objects by Car named or Van Rye. Upon observing the sky Hite saw disc-shaped objects traveling from west to east in succession in the same path at about two-minute intervals. Now and then one would "hook back apparently in the same path where it had come." Occasionally one seemed to burst and disintegrate. For a resemblance, Hite said "Take a large clock face, cover it with radiator, and sail it through the air."

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Subject: "Flying Discs"

Chief of Staff  
United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.  
Director of Intelligence,  
Requirements Division

In compliance with paragraph 1a, DC Letter LEMF, 76, March 1954, the following information relative to "Flying Discs" is hereby furnished. The attached report was received this Headquarters 27 May 1954, from Special Agent, J. K. Brown, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Cleveland, Ohio. This Headquarters has no further information and is not initiating any investigation in accordance with paragraph 2, LEMF 76. Any additional information received by this Headquarters will be immediately forwarded to your Headquarters. Copies of report have been forwarded to HQ, Air Materiel Command and HQ, Air Defense Command as directed in above mentioned directive.

- a. Location and time of sighting - Hobson, Ohio, night of 7 May 54.
- b. Weather at the time - unknown by this HQ.
- c. Name, occupations, and addresses of witnesses -  
address - Ben Rime, New York Central System Car Inspector Unit  
and  
Carl Ruch  
Bob White, Ford Clerk, N. Y. C.  
C. K. Hite, Patrolman, N. Y. C.
- d. Photographs of objects, if available - unknown this HQ.
- e. Sketches of objects configuration - unknown this HQ.
- f. Objects sighted:
  - (1) Number - not known this Headquarters
  - (2) Shape - round
  - (3) Size - supposed to be nine inches in diameter from ground level.

Report of "Flying Disc"

- (4) Color - phosphorescent
- (5) Shape - Great amount of round
- (6) Height - 100
- (7) Vulnerability - not known
- (8) Distance - 2 to 3 miles
- (9) Sound - unknown to this Hr.
- (10) Approx trail or dot - Phosphorescent trail in the sky

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H. B. ...  
Lt Col, USAF  
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Basis Ltr to Hq. Eleventh Air Force, Harrisburg, Pa., dtd (undated),  
subj: report of "Flying Discs"

AFLIC-005 (1-6-29)

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Wpt. of the Air Force, Hq. USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

To: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air  
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: MCI

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
800 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

May 25, 1948

Commander General  
Headquarters 11 Air Force  
1642 S. Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Attention: Intelligence Officer

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a communication received by this office from D. W. Taylor, Chief of Police, New York Central System, regarding "Flying Saucers" seen in the vicinity of (Robert) Middleport, Maing County, Ohio, on the night of May 8, 1948.

They are transmitted for such action as you deem necessary.

Very truly yours,

/s/ D. K. Brown

D. K. BROWN,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enc.

A TRUE COPY:

*H. B. Gray*

H. B. GRAY  
Lt. Col., USAF

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NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

May 31, 1948.

File: 22,00

Mr. D. K. Browne,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Standard Building,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Browne:

Herewith copy of our Captain Huston's and  
Patrolman Hite's reports of May 18th and 12th, respectively,  
in connection with object seen in the vicinity of (Hobson)  
Middleport, Meigs County, Ohio, night of May 8.

I thought I would give you this data as in-  
formation.

Yours truly,

Original signed by D. W. TAYLOR

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Encl.

A TRUE COPY:

H. B. Max  
H. S. WAI  
Lt. Col., USAF

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NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM

Columbus, Ohio, May 15, 1948

File: 1.10

Mr. D. K. Taylor - Chief of Police:

Referring to my letter of May 13, 1948 file 1.10 to Patrolman C. E. Hite copy to you in connection with the officer observing "Flying Saucers" over Hobson Yards on night of May 8, 1948.

I am attaching copy of Patrolman Hite's letter dated May 12, 1948 explaining circumstances under which he observed this unusual phenomenon which is self explanatory.

P. V. Easton

PvJ/haj

A TRUE COPY:

(1.9)  
John A. MILLER  
1st Lt., USAF

C O P Y

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM  
Hobson, Ohio, May 18, 1948

Mr. P. V. Huston  
Captain of Police  
Columbus, Ohio.

This letter is in regards to the letter from your office requesting more information concerning the flying saucers which were observed at Hobson, Ohio, on the night of May 8, 1948 as I was patrolling in the south end of yards. Car Inspector Ben Ruge told me he had seen objects in the sky which appeared to be flying saucers. Upon observing the sky, I saw disc shaped objects traveling from west to east in succession in the same path at about 2 minute intervals. Now and then one would hook back apparently in the same path whence it had come.

These objects appeared approximately to be about 6 to 8 miles up in the sky. They looked as if they were about 8 inches in diameter gave off a phosphorescent light, and appeared to be traveling at a great amount of speed. Occasionally one seemed to burst and disintegrate.

The best example I could give would be to take a large clock face and cover it with radium and sail it through the air.

These were also observed by Car Inspectors Ben Ruge, and Earl Housh, Yard Clerk Bob White.

Whatever it was, it was greatly out of the ordinary.

G. E. Hite  
Patrolman.

A TRUE COPY:

*John A. Miller*  
JOHN A. MILLER  
1st Lt., USAF

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 129

1. Date 31 May 1948
2. Time 1320
3. Location Air to, North Carolina, 34° 11' N, 77° 51' W
4. Name of observer Mrs. M. Alspach
5. Occupation of observer N/A
6. Address of observer 707 South 6th
7. Place of observation Ground
8. Number of objects
9. Distance of object from observer N/A
10. Time in sight N/A
11. Altitude approx 11,000 ft
12. Speed Fast
13. Direction of flight 90°
14. Tactics None
15. Sound N/A
16. Size as large as an arm, and about 3 feet long
17. Color N/A
18. Shape elongated
19. Odor detected N/A
20. Apparent construction N/A
21. Exhaust trails limited smoke
22. Weather conditions N/A
23. Effect on clouds N/A
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/A
26. Remarks: Mysterious sky object was sighted by Mrs. Alspach, her sister Mrs. Colvin, and Mrs. H.D. Huffman. It came at first at a fast



speed from the direction of Anstenthall Field at 1020 p.m., over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wilmington, a little to the west.

The local office of the Civil Aeronautics Administration discredited a suggestion by Anstenthall Field's station manager James Johnson, that object could have been a P-51 plane in flight. The CAA said there was no such plane in the sky there at the time.

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3 June 1948

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

TO : COMSOMAC  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN: MCI (Control No. A-1917)

Inclosed is report supporting TWX, this headquarters, dated  
3 June 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl:  
Report (newspaper clipping)

WALTER A. BOCK  
Colonel, SAC  
AC of S, D-7

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The Charlotte Observer  
Charlotte, N. C.  
1 June 1948

#### MYSTERIOUS FLYING BODY IS SEEN AT WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, May 31 - Wilmington residents today reported another mystery sky object, but it was not their flying saucer. An object which emitted smoke, was about as "big as your arm and about three feet long" which traveled at an "awfully high altitude, and at first at a fast speed, came from the direction of Blumenthal field at 1:20 p. m. over the Cape Fear River, then veered at a low speed back towards Wrightsville, a little to the west," Mrs. H. D. Alsmoch, who lives at 709 South Sixth Street, said.

Mrs. Alsmoch said that her sister who lives near, called her to look at the strange object. Mrs. Charles Colvin is the sister and is said to have seen the object first. Mrs. H. D. Rufner, another neighbor said she saw it too.

The local office of the Civil Aeronautics administration discredited a supposition by Blumenthal field's station manager James Holoman, that it "could have been a P-50 plane in flight." The CA said there wasn't such plane in the sky here at the time.

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Incident # 130

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 17t May 948 Incident #130
2. Time 8t
3. Location ... ..
4. Name of observer ... ..
5. Occupation of observer ... .. Lockheed Company
6. Address of observer 1 ... ..
7. Place of observation Ground, Route 212, east of Tlevna, traveling west
8. Number of objects ... ..
9. Distance of object from observer ... .. nearest point, approx. 2500 feet
10. Time in sight ... .. twenty minutes
11. Altitude ... ..
12. Speed ... ..
13. Direction of flight west, slightly east, then west
14. Tactics ... ..
15. Sounded ... ..
16. Size ... ..
17. Color white - (might have had slight bluish tinge)
18. Shape ball
19. Color detected ... ..
20. Apparent construction ... .. - but apparently jet-like
21. Exhaust trails ... ..
22. Weather conditions moonlight, but cloudy
23. Effect on clouds ... ..
24. Sketches or photographs ... .. - top forwarded showing location of object
25. Manner of disappearance ... .. Flew in a dark cloud bank
26. Remarks: See supplement

1. Capt W. Martin, Lt C. M. Glassbrook, and Lt. P. S. Bryington of the Air Technical Intelligence Branch, Operations Section, Technical Intelligence Division, departed Patterson Field OGI, 24 Jul 1948. Arrived Bismarck, North Dakota, 1420 the same day. Contacted Mr. Bonnaville's home by telephone and were informed that Mr. Bonnaville would not be available until approximately 1630.

2. Arrived at Mr. Bonnaville's home at approximately 1630. Conferred with Mr. Bonnaville for approximately two (2) hours attempting to acquire all available information. Mr. Bonnaville seemed sincere in his statements, however, he took quite some time to answer specific questions. He answered questions with generalities. It is believed he tried to give correct answers but was unsure of himself. He also stated that most of the answers given in his letter to the Technical Intelligence Division were more specific and that he believed he chose his words with considerable care towards accuracy.

3. Departed Bismarck, North Dakota, 1730, 24 Jul 1948. Arrived Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1420, 24 Jul 1948. Contacted Mr. Pfitzenreuter's home at approximately 1630 by telephone. At that time his mother informed us that he was out of town and would return at approximately 1930. Mr. Pfitzenreuter called back at about 2000 and arrangements were made to visit with him the following day.

4. Arrangements were made for transportation to Scola, South Dakota. Mr. Pfitzenreuter and his wife were contacted at approximately 1100, on the 25th of Jul 1948. We conferred with Mr. Pfitzenreuter alone for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. We conferred with Mrs. Pfitzenreuter for approximately twenty-five minutes. We then conferred with Mr. and Mrs. Pfitzenreuter for a previously 30 to 40 minutes. Mr. and Mrs. Pfitzenreuter seemed sincere in their answers and showed a willingness to help. They attempted to answer our questions to the best of their ability. Mr. Pfitzenreuter seemed to have a background which would qualify him as a fairly reliable observer of the incident. Mrs. Pfitzenreuter kept a constant watch on the object while Mr. Pfitzenreuter was driving. Several stops were made and their curiosities were so aroused that they watched the object with intense interest. It is believed that the intense interest of the two witnesses makes their observations fairly reliable.

5. Departed Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1630 on 25 Jul 1948. Arrived Patterson Field OGI, 26 Jul 1948.

*Walter Martin*

WALTER MARTIN  
Captain, USAF  
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Operations Section



**Description and Measurements of Object as Ascertained from Interview of Mr. V. A. Bonnevillie.**

Original sighting of object was a very bright light in the sky at a low altitude. The object moved rapidly out of the west and followed along the north side of the road. As the object approached it grew bigger and brighter. The speed of the object was from slightly greater than twice that of the local 3-engine Airlines aircraft, which are of the B-47 type, to almost 3 times that of the object and three phases of similar type.

As the object approached the observer it seemed to slow down and almost level just prior to making a slow 90° turn to the south. It would travel along this course for a short distance and then make another 90° turn to the west or 180° from the observer. As it turned west and traveled away from the observer, it seemed to accelerate very rapidly until it reached a speed approximately the same as the original approaching speed as would resemble until it would seem to a slight. The observer had the impression that the object was climbing to get above the hills in the horizon. The observer stated that the object seemed to dive slightly as it approached, but that the impression could have been an optical illusion.

The track of the object was always on the north side of the highway. Due to the fact that the object went completely out of sight, the witness stated that he could not be sure whether there were more objects or not. At no time was there more than one object visible. The time between the sighting of the object was approximately two minutes. From original sighting until the object was out of sight, the look approximately five minutes. The elapsed time between the second and third sightings was longer than between the first and second sightings. An estimate of the increased time was given. The speed of the object did not vary during the ranging periods. The only difference in speed was the slowing down prior to the turn and the acceleration to ranging speed.

As viewing the object from his car, it would first appear at about 100 feet and would continue lower as until the appropriate position of the sight was reached. At that time the turn would be made by the object. Its elevation, as viewed from a seated position in the driver's seat, appeared to be about 45° above the horizontal at various ranges. At various ranges the elevation was about 60°.

At the closest point, which was on the third range, the object appeared to be approximately 200 feet from the observer. At that time the observer was at the Power & Light Bridge. He stopped his engine and alighted from the car and attempted to focus his binoculars on the object as it started moving away from him. Under the binoculars, the light seemed to be of the same size as with the naked eye. The binoculars used were a 10x50 mounted by Argonite of Chicago. The witness stated that he could not focus them properly at that time. It took approximately three minutes for the object to fade from view.

The witness has been many falling stars and is familiar with the position and appearance of local airline beacons. An airline beacon is located two miles north of the road and at times was visible at the same time as the object. The object appeared to be much brighter than the beacons. The object was spherical.

and had the color and appearance of a strong white arc light. It had the same intensity at all distances and at no time were streaks apparent. It was not a directed beam and there was no visible reflection or light shed on any area from this light. The light definitely did not have a yellowish tinge but might have had a slight bluish white tinge. There was no sputtering; the light was constant. It had no dark or bright spots. The light given off by the object was brighter than aircraft landing lights and was smaller in size than the distance between the engines of a C-47 type aircraft, as seen at normal airline altitude in that area.

The light appeared to be approximately 18 inches in diameter. It was stressed that the object was of a ball shape. The only time that the configuration varied from this ball shape was on the third pass when it traveled at 90° to the line of travel of the observer. At that time it appeared to be elliptical.

*Arthur W. Martin*

**ARTHUR W. MARTIN**

Captain, USAF

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Walter J. Hausman - Lt. Col. USAF  
 Actg Chief, Tech Intel. Div.  
 Wright Patterson Air Force  
 Base - Dayton Ohio

415 W Rosser Ave  
 Bismarck N Dak  
 July 13 1948

Replying to yours of July 7th (NCCAXD-1)

I am on the road 99% of the time Col. but am home most of the time week ends - I have to be in Minneapolis at a sales meeting on the 29th and here for the Garrison Dam letting tomorrow.....however as before stated you can reach me at Bismarck any week end. Your men work at my home and left Bismarck just the day before I reached home. I will be home this week and also the 18th and I hope to be also on the 25th of this month.

Yours very truly,

W A Bonneville - Territory Manager for  
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9 July 1948

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1. Lieutenant T. S. Bryington and Lieutenant G. E. Blankenship of the Air Technical Intelligence Branch, Operations Section, Technical Intelligence Division departed Patterson Field OGD, 25 June 1948. Arrived Newark, North Dakota 2525, the same day. Proceeded to Mr. V. A. Rasmussen's home at 415 S. Beaver Avenue and were informed by the subjects' wife, that he had been on the road for 2 weeks and was expected home that night at the usual.
2. Contacted subjects' wife at OGD, 29 June and were informed that he had called home the previous night and had been informed that we were in Newark and wished to see him. He told his wife that he was in Harvey, North Dakota and would probably be there all day Tuesday. Obtained a car from the 7th Army in Newark and drove to Harvey and were informed at the Concho Hotel that he had departed at 0700. Checked the Goodrich dealer in town and subject had been there and left around 0730. He left no forwarding address or indicated where he was going from there. Returned to Newark.
3. Called subjects' home OGD, 30 June and were informed by his wife that she had heard nothing from him. Departed Newark 1000 hours for Rapid City AFB, South Dakota to perform maintenance on the aircraft.
4. Contacted Major H. E. Sumner, Staff Intelligence Officer of the 27th Bomb Sq. stationed at Rapid City, SDA who is in charge of interrogation of all air crews of that Wing. Crew reports showed nothing of interest, however, Major Sumner stated that one evening between the 25 - 30 August 1947 most of the time he was sitting in the parking lot near the line area when he sighted approximately 12 objects flying a tight diamond shaped pattern in a steady line from the land. They were approaching from the Northwest in a shallow descent, leveled off at approximately 5000 feet made a gentle, large radius turn of about 110° to the right about 4 miles from the observer and started climbing to the Southwest. The angle of attack was estimated to be between 30° - 40° and they appeared to accelerate rapidly in the climb. They appeared to be traveling between 300-400 miles per hour during the observed period. The objects were elliptical appearing in the pilot view and appeared to be about the size of a B-29 in span. No estimate was made as to the aspect ratio but they didn't seem to appear unaturally thick or thin compared to the overall configuration. There were no aircraft being run-up on the line at the time but no noise could be heard nor any exhaust trail or flame observed. No other light could be observed except that the whole object seemed to have a yellow white luminous glow. A report is being prepared by Major Sumner and will be forwarded to this Headquarters, Attention: Project Sign.
5. Arrived Newark 1800, 1 July and called subjects' home and was informed by his wife that he had called from Devils' Lake, North Dakota and she didn't know when he would be home. Due to the uncertainty of the subjects' return it was deemed not advisable to return to Wright-Patterson and set a date for my future reporting.

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The U. S. Security Council  
1951 memo in answer  
to the U. S. Ambassador

Mr. Hoover and Mr.  
Powers, U. S. Depts.  
June 12, 1948

Dear Mr. Hoover and  
Mr. Powers:

I am sorry that I  
cannot answer your  
letter of June 11th in which there are several questions  
concerning the object which was seen on June 11, 1948, at  
Plevna, Bulgaria. I am flying through the air between Plevna and Sofia  
on June 12, 1948, and I will answer them and give you  
a little more elaboration than I did in my previous  
letter - if that is possible.

(a) Question: - An estimate of the size of the object in comparison with  
the size of an aircraft. Answer: - The size of the light which was very  
brilliant would indicate that it was fairly large compared with aircraft -  
I believe that this exceedingly bright light which was one light and  
not several was as bright as the headlight on a locomotive, only about three  
times as bright and without direction. By this I mean that this light  
was very bright and was not a directed light.

(b) Question: - Did the entire object appear to be glowing, or did it give  
the effect of circling lights. Answer: - The thing seemed to be a ball of  
bright white light - and I could not make out if it was being carried or just  
was it to go - however, it did disturb me quite a little because after  
stopping to view it at the Plover River Bridge I could not hear motors  
making such as an aircraft in these parts might have, and I therefore tried  
to find out just what it was by the use of my field glasses.

(c) Question: - An estimate of the speed of the object in comparison with  
the jet type or conventional aircraft. Answer: - This object flew at about  
twice the speed of any aircraft that Northwest Airlines planes fly - because  
it would appear could go thru where I was traveling west on Highway #212 or #12  
as we call it out here appearing only faintly first and then growing larger  
as it approached over the hills north of the highway - until it seemed to  
have there off in the northwest of me brightly and then would turn south  
toward the highway where it became real bright - ~~and then would turn south~~  
and then would start back  
west again and fly out of sight. This thing did this several times - which  
actually got my goat - if I may put it that way. (d) Question: Did the  
object appear to be circling at random or did it follow a definite flight  
pattern. Answer: As I have explained before - the object appeared first when

the West - then turning slightly South and turning in a big swing and then heading West again - flying out of sight into the dark black cloud bank out of sight - then reappearing, and it did this several times. (a) Question:- Is it possible that its disappearance into a "heavy cloud bank" might have been caused by clouds obscuring reflected moonlight from a highly polished surface. Answer: - No - I have seen aircraft many times on moonlight nights - but this was not anything like that - this thing glowed brightly white light such as any real white brilliant light might. The moon was not bright enough to reflect polished light unless the craft might have been South of me in the direct light of the moon - which showed (the moon) from time to time through the clouds. This object was in the black section of the sky over to the North of me and slightly west, and was a steady oncoming light growing brighter as it came, and had the appearance of something carrying this light in the air - but without sound, and it certainly was close enough to me to have heard motors.

I thought it might have been some kind of a jet aircraft that I perhaps had never seen - because we as civilians know very little as to what might be going on in defence or experimental mechanics however I felt it my duty to report the thing regardless as to what it might have been. This was somewhat difficult for me to do because of the crackpot stories making the rounds in some sections about flying saucers etc., but for the life of me this had all the earmarks of just that kind of a deal.

I have traveled this road about which I have related this sighting many many times and at night Winter and Summer - and have never before in my life seen anything like this - so naturally I was somewhat alarmed about it, and have steadfastly kept the whole thing to myself. I will certainly be on the lookout for the damned thing the next trip I make through this same area which is generally after dark - because most of the time I work from Lanson South Dakota or Hettinger North Dakota along this highway to Miles City which is about one days work with my Dealers. In times like these I feel as before stated anything of this nature which we are not familiar with we are duty bound to refer it to our Defence Forces who may be better equipped to understand the unfamiliar than we are.

Yours very truly,

W.A. Boneville - Territor Mgr  
for the B. F. Goodrich Company

THE S. F. GOODRICH COMPANY

Minneapolis 3, Minnesota

415 West Rosser Ave.,  
Bismark N. Dak  
5-23-46

United States Army - Intelligence Div.  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:-

On the night of May 17th at about 11:30 PM driving from Baker, Montana to Miles City Montana on U.S. Highway 12 just West of Plavna, Montana before getting to the hills I noticed a very bright object in the sky to the North-west. The sky was overcast in the West but to the South the moon could be seen at times - with a broken sky. Having traveled this same route for many years - about 15 I am pretty well used to open prairie road at night and can tell a star from an unusual object when I see it.

Northwest Air lines travel a Western route just North of this route also, but I stopped at the Powder River Bridge where the road dips considerably down from a high ridge - out of my car motor and watched this object as it sailed around in the sky - which at times close and others seemed to speed away into the heavy cloud bank to the West and then later reappearing, at a very bright white light at what I would judge about not more than several miles away or closer. I carry a pair of field glasses with me, and after stopping the car engine watched this thing through my glasses, which seemed to appear as a small object with a long very bright light shooting from the under part of it. Because of the speed of the object and the darkness it was very difficult to make out what it might be, but I am sure that if I had had a more powerful glass I might have made it out.

I am perfectly sincere and do not drink so the foregoing is absolutely the truth. With some of this newspaper fun about flying saucers etc - this had all the appearance of just that - and in stopping the car if this had been an aeroplane I would certainly have been able to hear the motors.

I stopped at a service station just before getting to the Powder River Bridge but they had all gone to bed so did not have anyone along with me to witness the object as it flew through the air. It staid around this area for about 20 minutes and then flew off through the heavy cloud bank to the West.

I am enclosing a map showing the location of the foregoing.

Yours very truly,

The S. F. Goodrich Company  
/s/ Wm. Bensenville  
Territory Manager.

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Incident # 130

Incident # 131

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CHECK-LIST OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Probably true

1. Date: 20 June 1945  
 2. Time: 2230  
 3. Location: Belleville, Illinois  
 4. Name of observer: Lt Col W. T. Hull  
 5. Occupation of observer: Pilot, Supervisor of Flying Trng  
 6. Address of observer: Scott AF Base  
 7. Place of observation: Scott AF Base, Belleville, Illinois  
 8. Number of objects: 1  
 9. Distance of object from observer: N/S  
 10. Time in sight: N/S  
 11. Altitude: Undetermined but below 6,000 ft  
 12. Speed: Approx 500 MPH  
 13. Direction of flight: 295° S of Base then 340° upon reaching south end of Scott AF Base, Zigzag course  
 14. Tactics:  
 15. Sound:  
 16. Size: Six to eight inches in diameter  
 17. Color: White light  
 18. Shape: Approx round  
 19. Glow detected:  
 20. Apparent temperature:  
 21. Change of direction:  
 22. Weather conditions: Clear, moon about 5,000 ft  
 23. Direction of wind:  
 24. Direction of clouds:  
 25. Name of aircraft:  
 26. Remarks: No aircraft flying in the vicinity of Scott AF Base at the time light was sighted.

Probably true

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 20 June 1947
2. Time 230
3. Location Belleville, Illinois
4. Name of observer Major Earl J. Harrington
5. Occupation of observer Pilot, Instructor, Military Trng
6. Address of observer Scott AF Base, Belleville, Ill
7. Place of observation Belleville, Ill. (1/2 Ground (1)
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude Undetermined but below 6,000 ft.
12. Speed Approx 500 MPH
13. Direction of flight 275° E of Base then 340° upon reaching south end of Scott AF Base
14. Tactics zigzag course
15. Sound none
16. Size Six or eight inches in diameter
17. Color white light
18. Shape Approx round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Complete overcast at 6,000 ft.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks No aircraft flying in the vicinity of Scott AF Base at the time light was sighted.

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WGLAXO-3/JCB/mw

Hq 4th Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio

28 June 1948

TO: Commanding General, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois

It is requested that Lt Col William T. Hall and Major Earl J. Harrington furnish signed statements in connection with their sighting of 20 June 1948. These statements should be as detailed and accurate as possible and should contain the officers' opinion as to a possible explanation of the phenomena.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

R. D. MERTON  
Colonel, USAF  
Actg Chief of Intelligence  
Intelligence Department

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Inc 131 #11a

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Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

21 June 1948

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2nd Ed

I/PW/AM

Headquarters Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, 1948

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air  
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTENTION: MCI

As requested in 1st intercoment above attached hereto are statements of Lt. Col. William T. Hull and Major Karl J. Harrington.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls

1. Statement of Lt. Col. Hull (quad)
2. Statement of Maj. Harrington (quad)

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Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

21 June 1948

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2nd Ind

I/PWV/AM

Headquarters Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, Ill.

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air  
Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. ATTENTION: MXI

As requested in 1st indorsement above attached hereto are statements of Lt. Col. William T. Hall and Major Earl J. Harrington.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls

1. Statement of Lt. Col. Hall (quad)
2. Statement of Maj. Harrington (quad)

HEADQUARTERS  
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE  
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

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JUN 22 1946

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MOI

1. In compliance with Letter, Department of the Air Force, subject as above, dated 6 February 1946, the following information which has been reported to this headquarters is forwarded for whatever action is deemed necessary:

- a. Location and time of sighting: Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, 2230, 20 June 1946.
- b. Weather at the time: Complete overcast at 6,000 feet.
- c. Names, occupations and addresses of witnesses: Lt. Col. William T. Hall, Pilot, Supervisor of Flying Training, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois, and Major Earl J. Harrington, Pilot, Supervisor, Military Training, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois.
- d. Photographs of objects, if available: None.
- e. Sketches of object's configuration: None.
- f. Object sighted:
  - (1) Number: 1.
  - (2) Shape: Approximately round.
  - (3) Size: Six or eight inches in diameter.
  - (4) Color: White light.
  - (5) Speed: Approximately 500 MPH.
  - (6) Heading: 275° south of Scott Air Force Base, then about 240° upon reaching south end of Scott Air Force Base.
  - (7) Maneuverability: Zigzag courses.
  - (8) Altitude: Undetermined, but must have been below the overcast at 6,000 feet.
  - (9) Sound: None.



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21 June 1948

Subject: Reporting of Information on "Flying Discs"

(10) Exhaust trail or not: None.

g. General Remarks: No aircraft was flying in the vicinity of Scott Air Force Base at the time light was sighted.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1st Lt.  
Asst. Adj.

DISTRIBUTION:

- 2 - AFHQ, Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La.
- 1 - Director of Intelligence, Dept. of the Air Force, Washington, D. C.
- 1 - EDTC, Scott AFB, Belleville, Ill.
- 1 - File

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S T A T E M E N T

On 20 June 1948 at approximately 2230 hours I was returning to my quarters on Scott Air Force Base from the Officers' Club when I noticed a light, which at first glance, appeared to be a landing light on an aircraft. It was south and east of Scott Air Force Base and was moving on a course of approximately 296°. As there was no engine noise I asked my wife to call Major Earl J. Harrington, in front of whose house we were standing. In a matter of a few seconds Major Harrington came out of the house. By this time the course of the light had changed to approximately 340° and the light had passed slightly to the north of our position on a zigzag course. The speed and altitude of the object is difficult to determine, however, I would say that it was moving at a very high rate of speed -- faster than a conventional type fighter aircraft. Although the weather was reported as overcast at 6000 feet, the moon was visible and I would have estimated the ceiling to be scattered to broken. At the time I felt that the scattered clouds would account for the fact that the object seemed to be traveling on a zigzag course had it been above the clouds.

*William F. Hull, Jr.*  
WILLIAM F. HULL, JR.  
Lt. Colonel, USAF

STATEMENT

I was called out of my residence at approximately 2230 hours on the night of 20 June 1948 by Lt. Colonel William F. Hall, Jr., who lives next door. He showed me a light in the sky and asked me what I thought it was. I saw what appeared to be a light traveling an erratic course in approximately a S40° direction. My only comparable description of the object was to compare it to someone carrying a lantern at a light some distance away. No aircraft was flying at the time and no engine noise of any description could be heard. It appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed somewhere in the vicinity of the broken overcast. I watched it disappear into the northwest.

*Earl J. Harrington*  
EARL J. HARRINGTON  
Major, USAF

Incident # 131

Incident # 132



Luminous Object Observed in Norway

MCIAKO-3

MCIAKF-2

17 Sept 48

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1. Reference is made to your R . R dated 29 June 1948, requesting additional information on this object.
2. We are advised by HQ, USAF that it is felt no useful purpose would be served questioning a 1 year old girl eight months after the incident.
3. A requirement is in effect requesting that all unidentified flying objects be reported.

CARL C. BRONK  
Chief, Foreign Liaison Section  
Tech Intelligence Division  
Intelligence Department

HAN/drs  
6-5322  
F 204D  
Bldg 238

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MA 2-365-47 - SAO No. 12199 "Unknown Object"

MELAP

MELAP-3

29 Jan 48

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1. It is requested that the employee of the Office, OMA, Oals, Norway, be interrogated as to the "falling stars" she observed the night of 13 December 1947.

2. The attached form which is to be forwarded as an inclosure to the letter to the SA, should be filled out by the witness and this accompanied by a signed statement as detailed and accurate as possible should be returned this office.

3. Should any other phenomena be observed the questions itemized could form the nucleus of future reports. Any comments by qualified personnel - particularly from the University of Oals - both in regard to the incidents of 12 and 13th Dec and any possible future phenomena would prove most helpful.

1 attach:  
Form

C. A. GIFFIN  
Chief, Operations Section  
Tech Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department

CAO/aw  
Rm 50279  
Bldg 205

2-747-4

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Incident # 132

Building # 133

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FORM-1107 - UNCLASSIFIED EDITION CHANGE

1. Date 20 - 25 Feb 48
2. Time Usually around 2130 hours
3. Location H/S (Norway Denmark & Sweden)
4. Name of observer H/S
5. Occupation of observer H/S
6. Address of observer H/S
7. Place of observation H/S
8. Number of objects H/S
9. Distance of object from observer H/S
10. Time in sight H/S
11. Altitude From tree-top level to 20,000 ft
12. Speed one to two miles per second
13. Direction of flight Come from direction of Pommern
14. Tactics H/S
15. Sound H/S
16. Size H/S
17. Color (green tail)
18. Shape H/S
19. Odor detected H/S
20. Apparent construction H/S (streamlined)
21. Exhaust trails green
22. Weather conditions H/S
23. Effect on clouds H/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance H/S
26. Remarks The trend of these objects to appear at 2130 hours might be significant.

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no. 4-93-48

situation in Denmark

27 Feb 48

Date of Info: 20-26 Feb 48

1 Incl Lt Col Franklin E. Tolinson

Inclosed is a summary of aviation reports contained in Danish newspapers and radio news for the period 20 Feb to 26 Feb inclusive. Topics discussed are:

1. Bom plane enroute from LONDON to LISBON struck by "fire ball"
2. Flying missiles from direction of FALSKAPNE reported over Sweden, Norway and Denmark.
3. On 26 Feb 48, Danish Financial Board granted 22,158,000 Danish kroner for improvement of Danish airports.
4. Routine technical inspections and overhauling of all Danish aircraft has been permanently based at Copenhagen.

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1. A British European Airways Plane, flying from London to Lisbon, was hit in the air by "fire ball" which hit the nose of the aircraft, shook it violently, and made a hole in the elevator (further details not available.) B-6

2. Flying missiles, emitting a green flame but leaving no trace in the sky, have been reported recently over Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, coming from the direction of FALSKAPNE, generally at 2130 hours, at altitudes ranging from tree-top level to 20,000 feet, at an estimated speed of one to two miles per second. B-6

Incident # 133



## CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 134

1. Date of Incident 28 May 1948
2. Time of Incident 1900 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Place of observation 6 miles east of Monroe, Michigan  
from air while passenger in a C-47 plane
4. Name of observer 1st Lt Alexander Kabanov
5. Occupation of observer 1st Lt USAF Corps of Engineers, Security Officer
6. Address of observer 838 Reg. Aviation Bn, Co. B, Canada AF Base, Michigan
7. Number of objects observed 5 objects; 3 at first; 2 later
8. Distance of object from observer 2 miles to left of their plane
9. Time in sight 10 to 15 seconds
10. Altitude 7500 to 8,000 ft
11. Speed well over 300 MPH
12. Direction of flight Southwest
13. Tactics executed abrupt turns, flow in line of stern stopped up.
14. Lights N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size 300 to 400 ft - about the same size of lake freighters on Lake Erie
17. Color bright silvery golden hue
18. Shape disc shape with well rounded contours - all had hazy or fuzzy outline
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Appearance construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails no exhaust or trail of any kind
22. Weather conditions high overcast at 14,000 ft and a low thin stratus layer
23. Effect on clouds N/S broken at 8,000; lateral visibility 10 - 15 miles
24. Sketches or photographs existing
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks (over)



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Lt Kahlous first observed the objects from the navigator's window. At the time their plane was on a 33° heading, altitude approx 8,000 ft and they were six miles east of Maroo, Michigan. The objects came into view at 9:00 o'clock position and disappeared in the haze at a 7:00 o'clock position, making an abrupt turn to their right, ship's left. Visibility into the sun was some 8 miles. The size of the objects seemed about 300-400 ft (about the size of the lake freighters on Lake Erie). The objects were moving at great rate of speed well over 500 MPH. Their track thru the sky was smooth. They were disc shaped with well rounded contours. All of the objects maintained a slight nose-up attitude and all had a hazy or fuzzy outline. They were a bright silvery gold color. They left no exhaust or trail of any kind.

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 28 May 1948
2. Time 1500 hours (Eastern Daylight Saving Time)
3. Location Hurons to Selfridge Field, Mc. Clemens, Mich r/MacBili Field Position: 6 miles due east of Huron, Michigan
4. Name of observer M/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr. (colored)
5. Occupation of observer M/Sgt
6. Address of observer Selfridge Field
7. Place of observation 6 miles due east of Huron, Michigan
8. Number of objects 2
9. Distance of object from observer 25 to 30 miles to west left
10. Time in sight 30 seconds
11. Altitude approx 8,000 ft
12. Speed ~~1000~~ Over 100 miles per hour
13. Direction of flight South West from 35° at 8:00 o'clock position
14. Tactical Pursued straight course
15. Sound N/A
16. Size Appeared to be four feet in diameter
17. Color Shiny brass
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/A
21. Exhaust trails None
22. Weather conditions Clear, high overcast at 18,000 ft; thin stratus layer broken at 8,000 ft, lateral visibility: 10 to 15 miles
23. Effects on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs Sketch
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks Discrepancy as to position of 2nd object in group 2 as sighted by Lt Nowland's (Inc 134) Witness perceived only top-side of object. Objects seen flying over wooded section

Subject Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

INT 533.5

2nd Ind

Headquarters, 50th Fighter Wing, Selfridge AFB, Mt Clemens, Michigan, 28 Jun 1948.

TO: Commanding General, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
(Attn: MCIAIO-3)

1. Reference respective sub-paragraphs, 1st Ind. above, the following information is submitted:

- a. Yes, but the objects were out of the pilots vision.
  - b. No.
2. There is no further information available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

ROBERT J. LAUX,  
1st Lt, USAF  
Security Officer

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Headquarters 56th FIGHTER WING  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
DAYTON, OHIO

8 June 1948

Subject: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

To: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Transmitted herewith, as per law regulation 45-5, Headquarters,  
Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base 20, D. C., 19 February 1948,  
re two reports pertaining to observation of flying discs.

Very truly yours,  
Colonel J. L. Lusk

- Incls:
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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Statements of witnesses (7) | Colonel J. Lusk                  |
| 2. Sketches of objects (2)     | 1st Lt, USAF<br>Security Officer |

Comair furnished:

CG, SAC

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Subject: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

Inf 333. 5

1st Ind

WGL:AG-7/JCB/aw

Hq 44th, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio 16 June 1948

To Commanding Officer, Hq 56th Fighter Wing, Selfridge Air Force Base,  
Mt Clemens, Michigan.

1. Additional information is requested concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object 7 June 1948. It is requested that the pilot of the aircraft on which Lt Kokolonis and W/Sgt Ernest Davis, Jr., were passengers be interrogated to secure the following information:

a. Did the two passengers attempt to call his attention to the objects?

b. Was the base level or other atmospheric conditions at that time such that the sun shining on ground objects such as water tanks, etc., might cause them to appear to be high in the air?

2. Any further information on this matter will be appreciated. Any information regarding future sightings will likewise be appreciated.

3. It is requested that your reply be marked for the attention of WGL:AG-3.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:  
w/d

H. A. MCCOY  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief of Intelligence

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REF 333.5

HEADQUARTERS 46th FIGHTER WING  
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE  
MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

Report

6 June 1948

SUBJECT: Information Pertaining to Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: TSMIS

Transmitted herewith, as per SAC Regulation 145-5, Headquarters,  
Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base MD, D. C., 19 February 1948,  
are two reports pertaining to observations of flying discs.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

2 Incls:

1. Statements of witnesses (2)
2. Sketches of objects (2)

FRANK E. LALL  
1st Lt, USAF  
Security Officer

Copies furnished:

CG, SAC

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HEADQUARTERS 56TH FIGHTER WING  
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE  
MT CLEMENS, MICHIGAN

STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES

On 7 June 1944, at Osceola Air Force Base, Michigan, 1st Lt. Alexander Kukulonis, AD-11-202, USAF, Corps of Engineers, 238 Eng. Aviation Sq, Co. 2, was interviewed by the Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan Security Officer and stated in substance: On 26 May 1945 at approximately 1500 hours, while flying in an Air Force C-47, en route from MacDill Air Force Base, Florida to Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan on 35 degree heading, at approximately six miles east of Monroe, Michigan at 8,000 feet, I saw foreign objects in the sky.

Looking out at the navigator's window, I saw three disc-like objects approximately two miles to our left came down from above and level off at our altitude. These objects were going in the opposite direction from that of the plane I was in. I first saw these objects at a nine o'clock position and when they were out of sight into the haze, they were at a seven o'clock position to my aircraft, making an abrupt turn to their right, my left.

The weather at the time of the sighting was clear and visibility into the sun was about eight miles. I would judge the size of the objects to be about 100 to 150 feet, about the same size of the large freighters I had seen on Lake Erie. The objects were going at a great rate of speed, well over 500 miles per hour. They were a bright silvery gold color. Their track through the sky was smooth. The three objects were disc shape, with well rounded contours. They left no exhaust or trail of any kind. The objects flew in line of stern, stopped up. The time the three discs were in sight was approximately ten to fifteen seconds.

Approximately ten seconds after the first three objects were out of sight I observed two more objects come down from above in like manner and level off approximately 500 feet below, and about 2 1/2 miles out to my left. I called them to the attention of 1/Sgt. Davis, who was riding in the radio operators seat, and we observed the second two objects for about ten to fifteen seconds. These last two objects were similar in shape and color to the first three. They were also flying stern, stopped up, the second about 50 feet higher than the first. About three seconds before they were out of sight, at 7:30 o'clock position to our airplane, they also made a turn to the right, my left, but it was not as abrupt as the turn of the first three. All five objects had a slight nose-up attitude and all had a hazy or fuzzy outline. I could not observe any definite characteristics of the objects other than roundness, and the bright silvery golden hue.

I had partaken of neither beer nor any other alcoholic beverage within twenty-four hours preceding the observation of the objects.

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OFFICER'S NOTE: Lt. Tokolonis is a white officer in charge of the Colored Engineering Company. He was very emphatic on his distances and approximated speeds. The times mentioned above are Eastern Daylight Saving Time. The average size of lake freighters on the lakes is 500 feet. The C-47 pilot stated that there was a high overcast at 15,000' and a low thin stratus layer, very broken at 6,000' with a lateral visibility of from 10 to 15 miles.

On 2 June 1946, at Oscoda Air Force Base, Michigan, E/Sgt. Ernest Davis, Jr. (colored) AF-34452376, Co. B, 536 Aviation Bn, was interviewed by the Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan Security Officer. Sergeant Davis stated in substance: At approximately 1500 hours 26 May 1946 while I was riding as passenger in an Air Force plane, model C-47, at an elevation of approximately 8,000 feet, six miles due east of Monroe, Michigan, on a heading 95° towards Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, I saw two objects in trail, the second approximately 50 feet lower than the first, in the air about 25 to 30 miles to our left and at a lower altitude. The two objects were at an eight o'clock position to our plane, headed in a south westerly direction from our plane.

I cannot definitely say how fast they were going but they seemed to be going well over 400 miles per hour. I observed them to be round and approximately four feet in diameter and having a shiny brass hue to the top side, the only side I saw them at. They left no trail, smoke, flame, etc. The objects were over a wooded section flying a straight course. They were viewed for approximately 30 seconds.

I had partaken of neither beer nor any other alcoholic beverage within twenty-four hours preceding the observation of the objects.

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Drawing of shape and position of the object

TABLE OF SECOND TWO (11) OBJECTS

TABLE OF FIRST SEVEN (7) OBJECTS



FIG. 1. Shape of object

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Incident # 115

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date: Between 15th & 20th Aug 7
2. Time: 2130 MST
3. Location: Rapid City AF Base, Weaver, S.D.
4. Name of observer: Maj Elmer E. Hammer, Jr. (AO-46014)
5. Occupation of observer: Intel Officer
6. Address of observer: 28th Bombardment Group (TR),  
Rapid City AFBase,  
Weaver, S. D.
7. Place of observation: Weaver, S. D.
8. Number of objects: 12 (Approx)
9. Distance of object from observer: 4 miles
10. Time in sight: 3
11. Altitude: 20,000 ft to approx 6,000 ft.
12. Speed: 500 MPH +
13. Direction of flight: Approached first from NW  
then turn to right and disappeared in SE
14. Tactics: tight diamond-shaped formation
15. Sound: no noise heard
16. Size: Length: 100+ ft estimate
17. Color: Yellowish-white - brilliant
18. Shape: Elliptical
19. Odor detected: N/S
20. Apparent construction: N/S
21. Exhaust trails: None
22. Weather conditions: Clear, no clouds, stars visible, wind, calm  
visibility 30+
23. Effect on clouds: none
24. Sketches or photographs: Sketches
25. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared on a SE heading
26. Remarks: There appears to be minor discrepancies as to  
speed and altitude in the report given verbally  
to Glasbrook and 1 pr to this by Maj Hammer

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HEADQUARTERS 28th Bombardment Wing (VB)  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
Rapid City Air Force Base  
Weaver, South Dakota

26 HGS 2350.09

1 July 1948

SUBJECT: Report of Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: PROJ. SIGN

1. In compliance with paragraph 3, Regulation No. 45-5, Headquarters Strategic Air Command, Andrews Air Force Base, Washington 20, D. C., dated 19 February 1948, the following information is submitted for your information and guidance.

- a. Flying Discs sighted over Rapid City Air Force Base, Weaver, South Dakota at 2130 MST between 15th and 20th of Aug 1947
- b. Sky - clear; no clouds, stars visible; visibility 30+; wind - calm.
- c. Name, occupation and address of witness:  
Major Elmer H. Banner, Jr. AG-46024  
Intelligence Officer  
28th Bombardment Group (VB)  
Rapid City Air Force Base  
Weaver, South Dakota
- d. No photographs available
- e. See Inclosure Number 1
- f. Object sighted: Flying Discs
  - (1) Number: Twelve (12), (Approximate)
  - (2) Shape: Oval shaped
  - (3) Size: Length: One hundred plus (100+) feet (estimate)
  - (4) Color: Yellowish-white, brilliant
  - (5) Speed: Five hundred plus (500+) MPH.

Incident 135

- (6) **Heading:** Approached the base from the NW on a SE heading at 8 to 10,000 feet altitude; when at 5 to 6,000 feet and a mile or so West of the field, a turn to the right was made (by the entire formation) in a wide arc, and while turning began a climb at a 30° to 40° angle, accelerating very fast. Disappeared on a SW heading.
- (7) **Maneuverability:** Very maneuverable; held a tight formation (all equally speed) and remained so during all maneuvers.
- (8) **Altitudes:** Ten thousand (10,000) feet when first seen; descended to approximately six thousand (6,000) feet near the field.
- (9) **Sound:** No sound whatsoever. (The night was very still and no aircraft engines were running or other noises to distract).
- (10) **Exhaust trail:** No exhaust trail - unknown means of propulsion.

5. There is no doubt as to the existence of these sightings, but there is little substantiating evidence inasmuch as no other witnesses are known and no pictures could be taken. The objects sighted were visible only for approximately one (1) minute. Their form remained the same throughout the time observed.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl.

1. Diagram of size and formation

ELMER H. HARKER, JR.  
Major, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

Excerpt from R/R dated 5 July 1948 f/NCIAKO-3 to NCIAKO-4, Subj: "Interrogation" (Taken f/ Ins File No. 130)

\*1. Contacted Major E. E. Hammer, Staff Intelligence Officer of the 26th Bomb Sq, stationed at Rapid City, AFB who is in charge of interrogation of all air crews of that Wing. Crew reports showed nothing of interest however, Major Hammer stated that one evening between the 15 - 20 Aug 47 soon after dark he was sitting in the parking lot near the line area when he sighted approximately 12 objects flying a tight diamond shaped formation stacked down from the lead. They were approaching from the Northwest in a shallow descent, leveled off at approximately 5000 feet made a gentle, large radius turn of about 110° to the right about 1/2 miles from the observer and started climbing to the Southwest. The angle of attack was estimated to be between 30° - 40° and they appeared to accelerate rapidly in the climb. They appeared to be traveling between 300-400 miles per hour during the observed period. The objects were elliptical appearing in the plan view and appeared to be about the size of a B-29 in span. No estimate was made as to the aspect ratio but they didn't seem to appear unnaturally thick or thin compared to the overall configuration. There were no aircraft being run-up on the line at the time but no noise could be heard nor any exhaust trail or flame observed. No other light could be observed except that the whole object seemed to have a yellow white luminous glow. A report is being prepared by Major Hammer and will be forwarded to this Headquarters, Attention: Project Sign

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CLARENCE R. GLASBROOK                      CRO/esh  
1st Lt., USAF                                      5-2233  
ATI Branch, Operations Sec.                      86278

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Major Armer stated that one evening between 15-20 Aug 47 shortly after dark he was sitting in the parking lot near the line area when he sighted approximately 12 objects flying a tight diamond shaped formation stacked down from the lead. They were approaching from the Northwest in a shallow descent, leveled off at approximately 500 feet, made a gentle, large radius turn of about 110° to the right about 4 miles from the observer and started climbing to the southwest. The angle of attack was estimated to be between 30° and 40°, and they appeared to accelerate rapidly in the climb. They appeared to be traveling between 300-400 miles per hour during the observed period. The objects were elliptical appearing in the plan view and appeared about the size of a B-39 in size. No estimate was made as to the aspect ratio but they didn't seem to appear unnaturally thick or thin compared to the overall configuration. There were no aircraft being run-up on the line at the time but no noise could be heard nor any exhaust trail or flame observed. No other light could be observed except that the whole object seemed to have a yellow-white luminous glow. A report is being prepared by Major Armer and will be forwarded to this sq., Attention: Project "SIGNS"

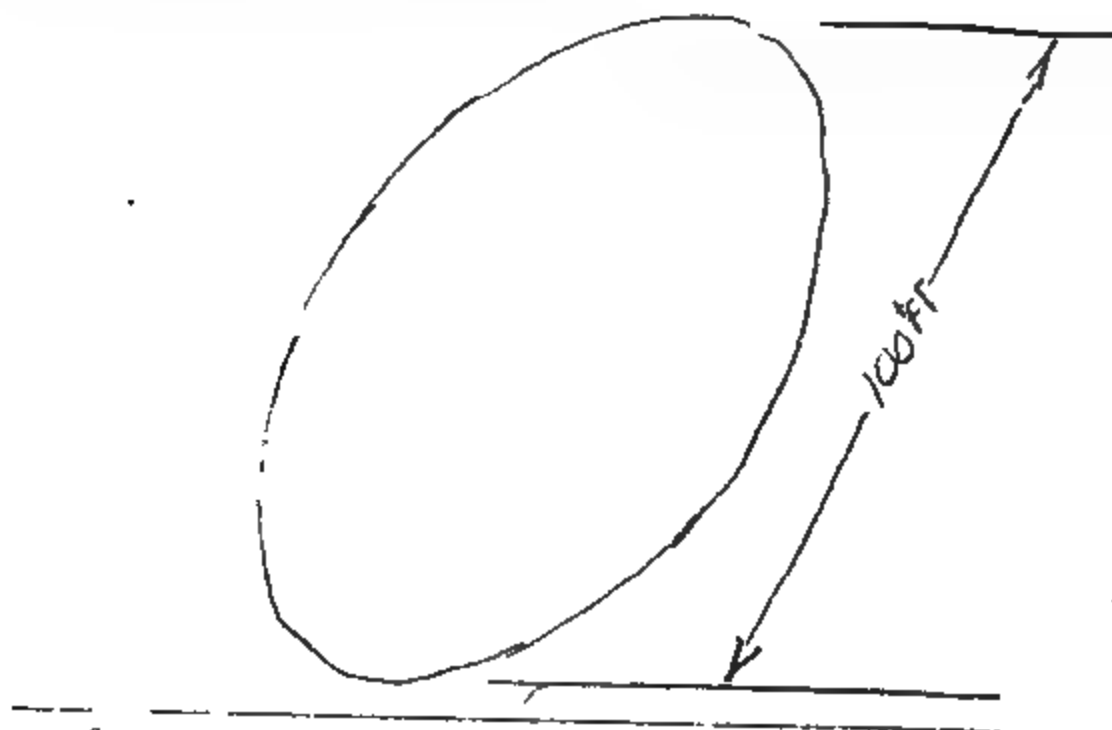
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CLARENCE A. CLAWBROOK CRG/esn  
1st Lt., USAF 5m. 77  
1st Branch, Oper. & Ins. Sec B-278.

Incident 135

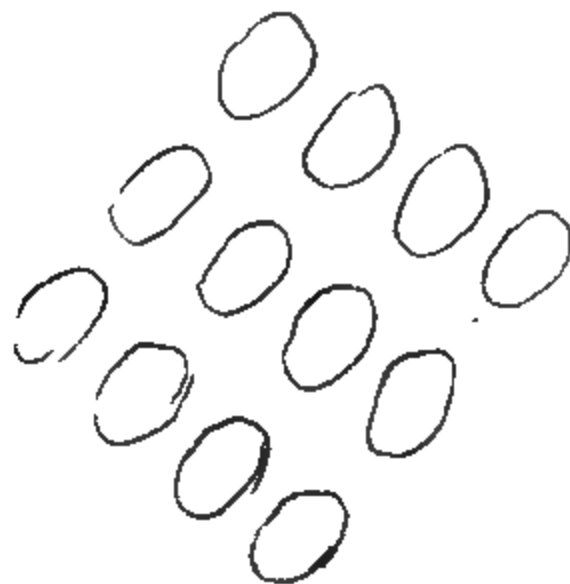


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Incident 135

Incident # 135



## CHECK LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date: 30 June 1948 Incident: 136
2. Time: 2140
3. Location: S. Knoxville, Tenn.
4. Name of Observer: Mrs Whitehouse
5. Occupation of observer: wife of Maj Harvey J. Whitehouse  
Commanding Officer, A-30, 3319 Tennessee
6. Address of observer: see above
7. Place of observation: South Knoxville, Tenn
8. Number of objects: 1
9. Distance of object from observer: N/S
10. Time in sight: 3 minutes (according to Mrs Whitehouse)  
3 seconds (according to GRC instructors)
11. Altitude: 30,000 ft
12. Speed: 1,000 MPH
13. Most direction of flight: West
14. Tactics: N/S
15. Sound: N/S
16. Size: N/S
17. Color: orange
18. Shape: Ball
19. Odor detected: N/S
20. Apparent construction: "fire"
21. Exhaust trails: "streamer of bluish color trailing"
22. Weather conditions: N/S
23. Effect on clouds: N/S
24. Sketches or photographs: none
25. Manner of disappearance: Over horizon
26. Remarks: (over)

At approximately 2140 hours, 30 June, a ball of fire of orange color with a streamer of bluish color trailing, traveled thru the sky in a westerly direction and disappeared over the horizon to the west. The object traveled at a very fast rate of speed. No sound was heard.

Witnesses: Mrs. Whitehouse, wife of Maj Harvey J. Whitehouse,  
C. O., A-1 3319 Tennessee  
CRC Instructors, Knoxville, Tenn.  
Mr. Tryon W. Setliff (See incident 136a)

Mr. Whitehouse stated that the object remained visible for approximately 3 minutes and that the streamer emitted sparks.

Mr. Setliff stated that the object was visible for about 3 seconds and traveled at an estimated speed of 1,000 miles per hour at an altitude of about 30,000 feet.

## CHECK LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 June 1948
2. Time 2:10
3. Location Knoxville, Tenn
4. Name of observer Mr. Travis W. Setliff
5. Occupation of observer N/S
6. Address of observer Oakridge, Tennessee
7. Place of observation Knoxville, Tenn
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight seconds
11. Altitude ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 30,000 ft
12. Speed 1,000 MPH
13. Direction of flight Westerly
14. Tactile N/S
15. Sound N/S
16. Size N/S
17. Color Orange Color
18. Shape Ball
19. Object deflected N/S
20. Apparent construction Firm
21. Exhaust trails Bluish Color
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Over horizon to West
26. Remarks



Incident # 136



Incident # 157

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date        7 July 1948
2. Time        2114 and 2115
3. Location    Chapel Hill, N. C.
4. Name of observer   James Hayes, Lt, U. S. Naval Reserve
5. Occupation of observer    Mathematics Instructor
6. Address of observer    Univ of North Carolina
7. Place of observation    Chapel Hill, N. C.
8. Number of objects        3
9. Distance of object from observer    N/S
10. Time in sight            Approx 1 minute
11. Altitude                Extreme
12. Speed                  High
13. Direction of flight      East Northeast
14. Tactics                N/S
15. Sound                N/S wh
16. Size                  N/S
17. Color                N/S
18. Shape                N/S
19. Odor detected        N/S
20. Apparent construction    N/S
21. Exhaust trails        None
22. Weather conditions    Clear
23. Effect on clouds      N/S
24. Sketches or photographs    None
25. Manner of disappearance    N/S
26. Remarks

Both objects seemed to have a blunt front which tapered to a point in the rear shaped like a cigar. Appeared about the size of an airplane in the sky. They were about 3-1/2" in length. They didn't have any wings or any apparent means of getting around in the sky. They did not seem to be pursuing a definite course but were moving generally north.



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TO JEDC/COMGENAMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

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FOR MCI

PAGE TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE GENSA CONTROL NO A-1917

R E S T R I C T E D /

THREE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER CHAPEL HILL NC BETWEEN  
2114 AND 2115 CMA SEVEN JULY CMA AT AN EXTREME ALTITUDE AND AT A HIGH  
RATE OF SPEED CMA BEARING EAST NORTH EAST PD CRAFT WERE NOT SIGHTED  
BY OBSERVER CMA EXHAUST TRAIL NOT VISIBLE CMA CHARACTERISTIC JET  
COND CMA WEATHER CLEAR PD WITNE SEC CLN JAMES LEVES LT US NAVAL  
OFFICER CHAPEL HILL CMA MATHEMATICS INSTRUCTOR UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
CAROLINA SMELN AND H W DANIEL CAPTAIN INFANTRY RESERVE CMA BOX 188  
CHAPEL HILL PD NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE PD EVALUATION FO PD

R E S T R I C T E D /

CFM MCI NO A-1917 2114 2115

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Project "SIGN" - Unidentified Aircraft

Capt W. H. Daniels  
1st S. Infantry Reserve  
Box 100  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

1. Clarification is requested as to your sighting of unconventional aircraft on 7 July 1948.
2. teletype received at this Headquarters from 1st. Third Army, at Wofford, Ga., reads in part:

"THREE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED OVER THE HILL TOP  
AT 2115. AND 2125 ON 7 JULY 1948 AT AN ALTITUDE  
ALTIMETER AND AT A LINE RATE OF SPEED OF 1000 TO 1500  
PER HOUR. CRAFT WERE NOT SIGHTED BY OTHERS. CMA  
TRAIL NOT OF THIS CMA CHARACTERISTIC DUE TO WEATHER  
CLEAR WOODS"

3. It is requested that you furnish this Headquarters with a signed statement regarding the above sighting. This information should be directed to the attention of MCI-10-3, as indicated in the upper left-hand corner of this letter.

FOR THE COMMANDER GENERAL:

W. H. CLINGMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Actg Chief of Intelligence  
Intelligence Department

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Incident # 137



Incident # 138

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident #178

1. Date **7 Jul 48**
2. Time **0920**
3. Location **Col. 1249, Mo**
4. Name of observer **Wes. Willie T. Tak**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **2775 Avilon Ave.  
Columbus, O.**
7. Loc. of observation **Ground**
8. Number of objects **1 - (2)**
9. Distance of object from observer **1/2 mi**
10. Time in sight **for (4) minutes**
11. Altitude **Could not be around 3000 feet**
12. Direction **Could not be estimated around.**
13. Direction of flight **First observed 22 tons North**
14. **Second** **Banked up and down**
15. **and down**
16. **with binoculars (Type M-3, 6 x 3.) about 3 1/2" in length by**  
**1" in diameter**
17. Color **Silver**
18. Shape **Like a cigar or torpedo**
19. Color of trail **N/S**
20. Material construction **Metallic**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Clear, sunlight, no clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **None (There were none)**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Direction of disappearance **Traced away**
26. Remarks: **(Over)**

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Mrs. Zittak said that the objects looked like something going through air currents. They had a blunt nose and the tail was obscured. At first they looked like a dark blot. Both ends were indistinct. They were visible for three or four minutes and began to fade away.

Subject's powers of observation were checked by air craft flying in the area and were found to be good as far as direction and movement, but poor for distance and altitude.

A check at Patterson Field Operations showed two F-80's in the air at the time of sighting.

Capt. Barnell, pilot of one F-80, was flying a loose formation in trail of Lt. Collins while pacing him on a calibration speed check. The aircraft were not equipped with wing tip tanks. The pilots stated that they were in the Columbus Area. Mrs. Zittak position was from a three quarter rear position at sighting.

An article was published by the Columbus Citizen News Paper, Columbus, Ohio, 6 Jul 48.

Interrogation

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12 July 48

1. Contacted Captain Dwight I. Boyd, District Intelligence Officer, 109 CIC Detachment, Old Post Office Building, Columbus, Ohio, at 0900, 10 July 1948. Read the agents' report and proceeded with the agent to the home of Mrs. Paul Vittek, 2579 Avalon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.
2. Interviewed Mrs. Vittek and received the same information as contained in the agents' report (WD AGO Form 341) except that the bobbing movement described there was brought out to be a smooth oscillating movement "like something going through air currents".
3. The subject stated that the object was cigar shaped, with a blunt nose and the tail obscured. "I couldn't make it out plain. It was like a dark blot". The main thing that had attracted her attention was the sunlight reflected from the shiny center of the object, both ends being indistinct.
4. The subjects' powers of observation were checked on aircraft flying in the area and were found to be good as far as direction and movement were concerned, but poor for distance and altitude. The binoculars were checked and found to be Type M-3, 6 x 30, with artillery mil scales imposed. No blurriness or defects in the optics were found. The subject had no accurate idea as to the amount of the mil scale the object occupied.
5. A check at Patterson Field Operations showed two F-80's in the air at the time of the sighting. Contacted Captain Barnall, MEWOP, the pilot of one of the F-80's who stated that he was in the Columbus area at the time of sighting. He was flying a loose formation in trail of Lt. Collins while pacing him on a calibrated speed check. The aircraft were not equipped with wing tip tanks.
6. In view of the fact that Mrs. Vittek's sight of the objects was from a three quarter rear position it is highly possible they were the two F-80's in the Columbus area as this position from a distance lends itself to a distortion comparable to what she saw, i.e. blunt nose, obscure tail, and apparent lack of wings.
7. A check was made with the Intelligence Officer at the Fort Columbus Naval Air Station with negative results.

CLARENCE R. CLARENCE  
1st Lt., USAF  
AFI Branch, Operations Section  
Technical Intelligence Div

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10 July 1948

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SU JcGT: sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

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Lead centers, Second Army  
Post Office 7, side, Maryland

T Director of Intelligence  
General Staff  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters, File # CID 452.1, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, dated 25 March 1948, and to your Control Number A-1917.
2. In compliance with paragraph 2, above mentioned letter, enclosed herewith is CIC Agent Report, and two Summary of Information reports, concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft ("Flying Discs").
3. A copy of attached reports has been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Eric S. Patterson #3, Dayton, Ohio.

cc: ALC

FRIGHT I. WID  
Captain, Infantry  
District Intelligence Officer

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- Incl 1 - Agent Report dtd 9 July 48
- Incl 2 - 3 of 1, dtd 9 July 48
- Incl 3 - 3 of 1, dtd 9 July 48

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## AGENT REPORT

1. Name of Subject or Title of Incident	2. Date submitted
UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT	9 July 1948
4. Report of Findings	3. Control Symbol or File No. A-1817

Went's later Mrs. Ella Gibbs VIII was calm in her explanation of her experience and stated that she had read in the newspapers of other people seeing flying objects in the sky and that she more or less passed it off as if they might have imagined they saw objects. But now she believes, after her experiences, that it is possible that others have had the same experiences as she. The binoculars used by Mrs. VIII were Simocular 13, 6x30, costing \$14.95.

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5. Typed Name and Organization of S/A  
 HARVEY L. HUTCHISON  
 109th CIC Detachment

6. Signature of Special Agent

*Harvey L. Hutchison*  
 Harvey L. Hutchison

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## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

9 July 1948

ISSUING OFFICE

Ladd, SFC, AFIC, 10th SAC, Attachment, Columbus, Ohio

SUBJECT

Sight of Unconventional Aircraft

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE	OF INFORMATION
COMPLETELY RELIABLE	CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES
USUALLY RELIABLE	PROBABLY TRUE
POSSIBLY RELIABLE	POSSIBLY TRUE
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE	UNRELIABLY TRUE
UNRELIABLE	UNRELIABLE
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN	TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

5 July 1948, the following article concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft "flying discs", was published in the Columbus Citizen, Columbus, Ohio:

**"Flying Discs Appear in Columbus Sky Again"**

Strange flying objects appeared in Columbus skies again Thursday. They were the first sighted since the Army last week took official recognition of their existence. The Army asked its bases throughout the nation to keep close watch for saucers or other objects in the sky.

Today's were sighted near Fort Columbus by Mrs. Paul Vittek, 2579 Avalon Lane. "I was cleaning the blinds in my living room," Mrs. Vittek said. "I looked out the window and saw two silver things in the sky. I thought at first they were planes, but they were bobbing around and acting so strange. I knew they couldn't be. I got a pair of binoculars and went out onto the front porch. I watched her through the binoculars. I watched them for several minutes. They were silver objects, shaped like a torus, except they didn't have a rounded or pointed end. They were blunt, like a cylinder. They weren't very large.

They didn't have any wings or any apparent means of getting around in the sky. I watched, they just seemed to dump out in the sky. They didn't seem to have any definite course of direction. I saw them in the east, toward Fort Columbus. I don't know if they were moving generally north, but without any definite course.

A neighbor boy came over while Mrs. Vittek was watching, and asked what she was looking at. She pointed toward the objects, but by that time they had disappeared. They couldn't have been airplanes. "I think I've lived near Fort Columbus long enough to recognize airplanes," Mrs. Vittek concluded.

Officials at the Naval Air Facility at Fort Columbus said they had received no reports of the flying objects. They could offer no explanation.

Mrs. Vittek's husband, Paul, works for the Ohio Department of Liquor Control.

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received from Captain Boyd, District Intelligence Office,  
Office, Columbus, Ohio

Unconventional aircraft sighted by Mrs. Wilda Zittak, 2578 Avalon Ave., Columbus at 0620 on 8 July. Weather was clear, sun shining brightly, no clouds near the object. She first saw the object with her naked eye, then spent two minutes looking for binoculars. Observed the object for about two minutes with them. There were two flying objects, both appeared to have a blunt front and seemed to taper to a point at the rear. The shape was very much like a cigar. The sun was shining on them and they appeared to be silver in color. With the naked eye, they appeared to be about the size of airplane when writing in the sky. They were about  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " in length and 1" in diameter. In other words, they seemed to be a little more than three times the diameter in length. Speed was not estimated. Observed for approximately four minutes. When first seen, they were headed northeast. Seemed to bob up and down rather than pursuing a set and steady course. Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft. No sound audible from the object; no exhaust trail visible. First seen in east going toward Port Columbus, then moved generally north from there. Binoculars were MS (X30

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The following was broadcast over radio this morning (8 Jul) but persons not yet interviewed: On 7 July, five members of one family saw the objects which looked like pie pans, directly over Port Columbus.



Incidents of 139

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 5 Jun 53 Incident # 19
2. Time 21:47
3. Location Wesley, Ohio
4. Name of observer Lawrence G. Simsbrock, 1st Lt., USAF, HQ AWC (JANOK)
5. Occupation of observer MI Investigator
6. Grade of observer MAJ A G (JANOK)
7. Place of observation Wesley, Ohio
8. Number of objects one
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight several times each time being 1-2 second duration
11. Altitude 3000 to 4000 feet
12. Speed between 500 & 600
13. Direction of flight west (approx. 10 west)
14. Tactics intermittent appearances at regulated intervals
15. Sound none
16. Size could not be estimated
17. Color pale yellowish white (luminous)
18. Shape Y/S
19. Color detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails none
22. Weather conditions Clear w/quarter moon in the East-Southeast.
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance Suddenly at angle of approx. 70° to horizon in front of observer who was looking north
26. Remarks: Lt. Simsbrock was a reconnaissance pilot in World War II.

The object seemed to glow and was not a directed beam.

It is believed that the powers of observation are above average and that the estimates of speed can be considered to be fairly accurate.

Unidentified Flying Object

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16 July 48

1. At 2117 hours on 9 July 1948, the undersigned sighted an unidentified object flying from east to west at approximately three to four thousand feet over the north end of Asbarn, Ohio.

2. The object appeared as a pale yellowish white light that seemed to glow. It was not a directed beam. The light was traveling at a rate of speed between five or six hundred miles. It appeared long enough to allow the observer to determine its flight path (approximately one to two seconds) and then went out. There was a pause of three seconds, the light then reappeared again for the same length of time, another three-second pause and the pattern was repeated. After the third appearance it was not seen again. The final sighting was made with the object at an angle of approximately 70° to the horizon in front of the observer who was looking north. The last sighting was slightly above the horizon to the west, just north of Patterson Field. The intermittent appearance of the light was at a regulated interval.

3. The sky was clear with about a quarter moon rising in the East-southeast; however, nothing could be ascertained except the glow of the light. There was no sound or trail.

The undersigned was a reconnaissance pilot in World War II and served for 45 months in the 160th Reconnaissance Sq. (J. P.) flying P-60 type aircraft. It is believed that his powers of observation are above average and that the estimates of speed can be considered to be fairly accurate.

CLARENCE CLASHROCK  
1st Lt., USAF

CWC/ew  
Rm 65310  
Bldg 288  
Post 201F

Footprint # 110



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1. Date
2. Time 1/4
3. Color bright pinkish
4. Size 1/4
5. Star detected 1/3
6. Apparent construction unknown
7. Exact scale 1/4
8. Weather conditions Clear - bright moonlight
9. Effect on clouds 1/3
10. Sketches or photographs None
11. Nature of disappearance 1/4
12. Remarks: Mr. Chester Taylor gave the same version as that of his son. Mrs. Taylor apparently did not observe the phenomenon.

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Interrogation

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Proceeded to the home of Mr Howard Enslow in Lakewood, Ohio, with an agent of the detachment at 1000, 10 July 1948.

Interviewed Mrs. Howard Enslow who stated that on the night of 1 July 1948 at 21:00 and 22:00 hours, she, Mr. Enslow, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Taylor and their sons, Jack, of 100 Grove St., Columbus, Ohio, sighted an unidentified object through the air. Mrs. Enslow described it as "a beautiful golden saucer glowing with a silver rim around it." Direction of flight was from Northeast to West and the object was visible for approximately three seconds. Subject was very much inclined to attribute the phenomenon to holy visitations. Was unable to contact

Proceeded to the home of Mr. Chester Taylor and interviewed his son Jack, age 15 years and is now active in the National Guard. He stated that it was a bright yellow-white light that moved through the sky at a terrific rate and it was a glow and not a direct sight and was about two seconds in duration and faded out but ceased abruptly. The line of flight appeared to be flat and the direction was from the Northeast going Southwest, at an altitude of about three or four miles. There was no audible noise although it was a quiet night and the moon was close in at an angle to the horizon of about forty-five degrees. Although the sky was clear and the moon was bright nothing but the light was seen.

Mr. Taylor's story was the same as that of his son's. Mrs. Taylor was in the house and did not observe the phenomenon. The other witness was not readily available.

Proceeded to the sight of the observation and determined that, under the conditions of course and altitude as estimated by the subject, it was possible that their observation was restricted by a grove of trees thus limiting the observed line of flight to two three-second periods.

CLARENCE CLARENCOCK  
1st Lt., USAF

CAC/wc  
Rm 5510  
Bldg 208  
Post 201F

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Decidant # 210



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 30 Jun 48 Incident # 141
2. Time 11:25 to 1327 and shortly thereafter
3. Location Necla, S. D.
4. Name of observer Norman Pfitzenreuter and Rose Pfitzenreuter
5. Occupation of observer Chemical Engineer - Amateur Astronomer
6. Address of observer Necla, S. D.
7. Place of observation Between Watertown, S. D. & Webster, S. D. on  
 . Number of objects one (1) when broken up 300-350 (Norman), 300 (Rose)  
 highway #41 and #12 US
8. Distance of object from observer 20 miles to 0 miles to 20 miles
9. Time in sight Slightly over two hours
10. Altitude 150 miles (?)
11. Speed Stationary (hovering)
12. Direction of flight Stationary
13. Tactics Remained in the approximate position then disintegrated (hovered).  
 Appeared to enlarge then fade out.
14. Sound None
15. Size Original bodies approx. 3000 feet diameter.
16. Color Like polished aluminum
17. Shape *See page* Note sketch.
18. Odor detected None
19. Apparent construction Seemed to be a cluster of parts
20. Exhaust trails Particles of disintegrating mass left very faint trails  
 of vapor.
21. Weather conditions Brilliantly clear (CAVU) - Wind velocity 3 MPH
22. Effect on clouds No clouds
23. Sketches or photographs Map shows the locations of sightings
24. Manner of disappearance Disintegrated into smaller pieces
25. Remarks: Object appeared as cluster of parts which remained fairly  
 stationary and constant for some two hours when it underwent a rather

slow change in shape. A large chunk fell off. Within the next 2-1/2 minutes the entire spot started to very slowly disintegrate. Three larger parts moved away out from the mass and formed a perfect isometric triangle, the remaining parts continued to move apart holding their related positions of a perfect triangle but gradually getting smaller and fainter until they disappeared some 9 minutes after the initial break-up. It could easily be seen that the parts were moving away from the earth.



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# TELETYPE MESSAGE

AIR SERVICE COMMAND TELETYPE NETWORK

FROM: AWC

DATE: 20 July 1948

NCIAAO-3/09B/aw

TO: Mr. Norman Fitzsimmons  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

W. K. CLINGENBORN, DEAF  
Chief, Technical Intelligence Div  
Intelligence Department  
NAME, RANK AND TITLE OF AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

CLASS:

NCIAAO-7-3. PLEASE SIFE MOVEMENT COLLECT IF 21 JULY WOULD BE SUITABLE  
FOR THE SIFE. DIRECT PAPER TO TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, HQ., AWC,  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO. NCIAAO-3.

Incident #

COORDINATION

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27 Jul 48

1. Capt M. Martin, Lt C. B. Clambrook, and Lt. F. S. Bryington of the Air Technical Intelligence Branch, Operations Section, Technical Intelligence Division, departed Patterson Field OF10, 24 Jul 1948. Arrived Bismarck, North Dakota, the next day. Contacted Mr. Bonnaville's home by telephone and were informed that Mr. Bonnaville would not be available until approximately 1600.

2. Arrived at Mr. Bonnaville's home at approximately 1630. Conferred with Mr. Bonnaville for approximately two (2) hours attempting to acquire all available information. Mr. Bonnaville seemed sincere in his statements, however, he took quite some time to answer specific questions. He answered questions with generalities. It is believed he tried to give correct answers but was unsure of himself. He also stated that most of the answers given in his letter to the Technical Intelligence Division were more specific and that he believed he chose his words with considerable care towards accuracy.

3. Departed Bismarck, North Dakota, 1230, 27 Jul 1948. Arrived Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1900, 27 Jul 1948. Contacted Mr. Putzmeister's home at approximately 1900 by telephone. At that time his mother informed us that he was at town and would return at approximately 1900. Mr. Putzmeister called back at about 2000 and arrangements were made to visit with him the following day.

4. Arrangements were made for transportation to Lewis, South Dakota. Mr. Putzmeister and his wife were contacted at approximately 1400, on the 28th of Jul 1948. He conferred with Mr. Putzmeister alone for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. He conferred with Mrs. Putzmeister for approximately ten to fifteen minutes. He then conferred with Mr. and Mrs. Putzmeister for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. Mr. Putzmeister seemed sincere in their answers and showed a willingness to help. They attempted to answer our questions to the best of their ability. Mr. Putzmeister seemed to have a background which would qualify him as a fairly reliable observer of the incident. Mrs. Putzmeister kept a constant watch on the subject while Mr. Putzmeister was driving. Several stops were made and their observations were discussed and they discussed the subject with intense interest. It is believed that the intense interest of the two witnesses makes their observations fairly reliable.

5. Departed Aberdeen, South Dakota, 1030 on 28 Jul 1948. Arrived Patterson Field 2200, 28 Jul 1948.

*Martin Martin*

MERNO MARTIN  
Captain, USAF  
AFI Branch  
Operations Section



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Address reply to:  
Commandant  
U. S. Coast Guard  
Headquarters  
Washington 25, D. C.

File: 13 July 1948  
TWT 64 (H)

From: Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard  
TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, U. S. Air  
Force, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio

Subj: Aerial Phenomena between Watertown and Webster, South Dakota

1. There is forwarded for your action a report from Mr. Norman Pfutzenreuter dated 4 July, 1948, addressed to the Commander, 2nd Coast Guard District, St. Louis, Mo., describing an unusual atmospheric phenomena observed by him on 30 June, 1948 while traveling by car on Route 81, between Watertown and Webster, South Dakota.

2. There is also inclosed a copy of a letter from the Commander, 2nd Coast Guard District, to Mr. Pfutzenreuter dated 7 July, 1948, acknowledging receipt of Mr. Pfutzenreuter's report.

Rv direction of the Commandant.

S. Y. HAMMID  
ICDR, USCG  
Chief, Intelligence  
& Law Enforcement Division

Incls:

1. Report from Mr. Norman Pfutzenreuter
2. Copy ltr Cdr. 2CGD, to Mr. Pfutzenreuter

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Comdr. 2nd CG District (411)

7 July 1948

From: Commander, Second Coast Guard District (411)

To: Commandant (INP)

Subject: Unusual Atmospheric Phenomenon; report of

In conformity with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Intelligence Law Enforcement Circular No. 1-48, there is forwarded herewith for Headquarters evaluation for transmission to the Department of the Air Force, a letter received this date, from a Mr. Norman Pfitzenreuter, Hecla, South Dakota, describing an unusual atmospheric phenomenon observed by him, together with his wife and several other persons, on 30 June, 1948, while traveling by automobile from Hecla to Webster, South Dakota.

R. C. WILSON  
by direction

Incls:

1. Letter from Norman Pfitzenreuter, dated

W. F. PFUTZWEHRTER - Dealer in  
General Merchandise

Neola, South Dakota 7-4-48

Commander 2nd  
Coast Guard District  
Old Custom House  
4th & Olive  
St. Louis 1, Mo.

Attention: Intelligence Officer

Dear Sirs:

I am submitting this information to you in the belief that it may be of value to this country's information. I just talked by phone to the proprietor, Mr. Hill, of Coast Guard Station, U. S. F. S. near Drotum, S. D. He advised me to write to you. I have him a very limited account of what I observed, because I did not know for sure, whether this information might prove confidential.

I have been living in Cleveland, Ohio, for the past 3 years. My home which I was returning to, is Neola, South Dakota, where I now am. The observation was made on June 20, 1948, between Watertown, S. D., and Webster, S. D. I was traveling on Highway #81, from Watertown, to Webster (one 4-lane small road) at arrow #1, I stopped the car to watch a small plane. I noticed a small round spot in the sky, looking to the north it was 20° to the right and about 20° to north of azimuth. (Nearly overhead). I thought at first it was an aluminum covered plane, very high. I watched it for a few minutes and noted no movement. My next conclusion was that it might be a star. We continued driving north stopping at about 5-10 minute intervals and again looking (my wife watched it out the side window constantly) At arrow #2 I stopped and walked down to the ditch and lined it up with a telephone wire and watched very carefully for any movement for 5 minutes. No movement detected, I decided it must be a bright star (Venus or Sirius) neither should have been at that spot at that time, and I had never seen a star at noon. I made two more stops at arrow #3 and #4. Position was the same. At arrow #5 I stopped for gas and water (I was pulling a 6,000 lb trailer and the car was over heating). I called attention to the object to the proprietor and three customers (places - Arnold's Store) I made no comment but waited for their deductions -



Proprietor. Star  
1st Customer: Star  
2nd Customer: Can't be a star - a possible  
3rd Customer - Never saw anything like that

They were all looking when I left and a little scared.

This territory is very thinly populated and these people are my only witnesses.

We continued north (making innumerable observations at a few minute intervals. No change in appearance or position was noted, except it appeared to be a cluster of parts or pieces instead of one solid piece;

thus:

The next stop of importance was at arrow #6 on Highway #12. The location was nearly exactly the same, a couple of degrees closer to overhead if anything. It was slightly smaller and its shape was not constant. It appeared to very slowly change from  to . We were just about to

get into the car when my wife said: "Look, a piece fell off." I

would have sworn at that moment it was a parachute. (Parachutes don't operate 50 to 150 miles altitude). In the next 2-1/2 minutes the entire spot started to very slowly disintegrate. Three larger parts moved away out from the mass and formed a perfect isosceles triangle, the remaining mass slowly moved into hundreds of small parts, seemingly leaving very faint trails of vapor. At this point the height was very apparent - 50 to 150 miles. The smaller parts slowly disappeared as if moving outward, that is, directly away from the observer. The three remaining parts continued to move apart and hold their constant position of a perfect triangle, gradually getting smaller and fainter until they disappeared about 9 minutes after the initial break up. It could easily be seen that the parts were moving away from the earth. No other sight of the object was had - after this at arrow #6. My convictions at this point were that it could not be anything terrestrial.

The day was brilliantly clear, no cloud or haze visible above the horizon. Wind velocity about 3 MPH in direction shown on map.

Times are shown below for different arrow locations at stopping time:

- 1 - 11:25 A. M.
- 2 - 11:31
- 3 - 11:47
- 4 - 11:53
- 5 - 12:02 PM
- 6 - 1:27 PM

Colour and irridescence  
comparable to polished aluminum

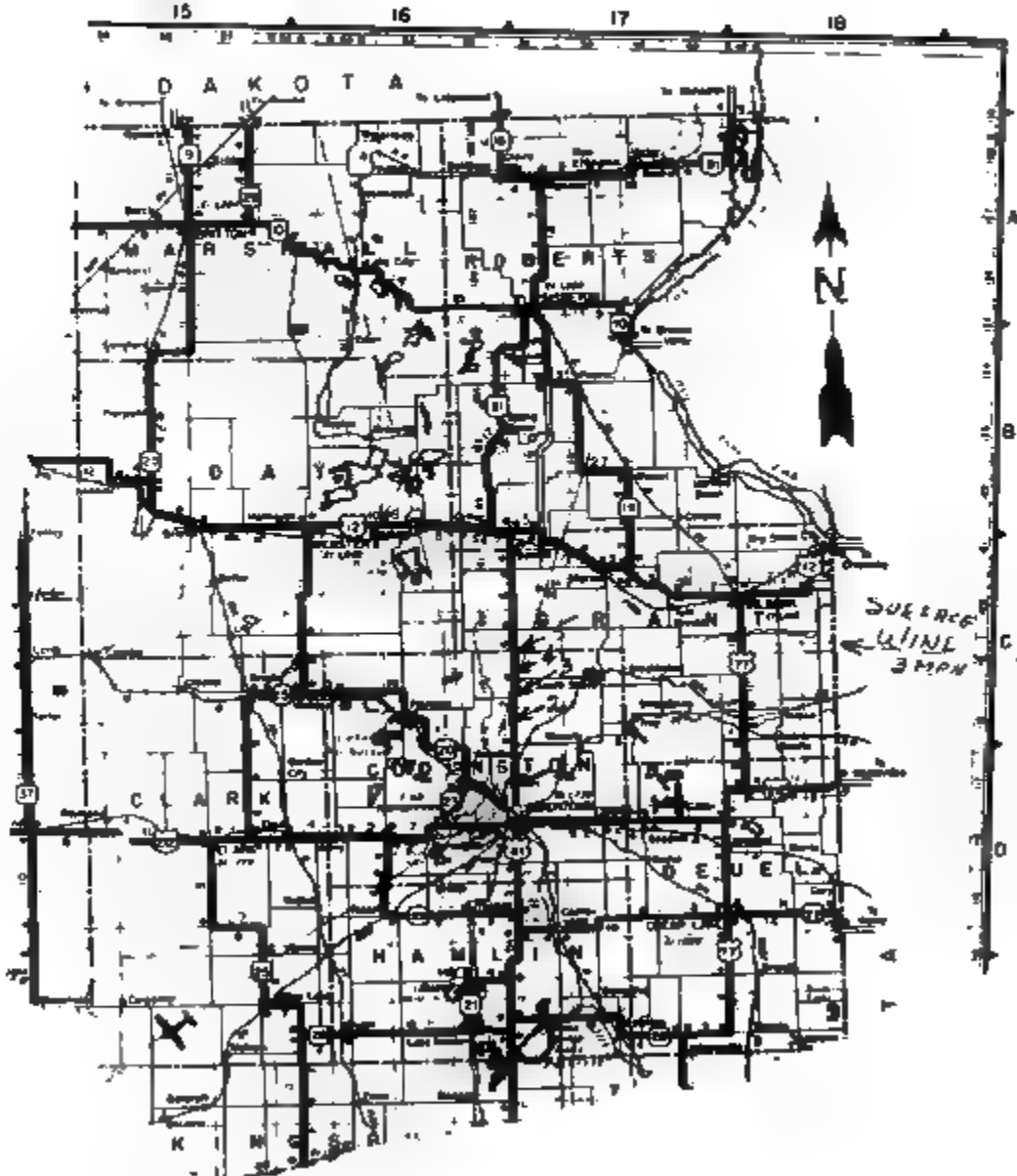
I may be able to give more details if wanted. I know about the new  
large plastic balloons for weather or cosmic ray observation. It could not have  
been one.

I am a chemical engineer and have been an amateur astronomer for years,  
so please don't take this as a crackpot's story. I'm in dead earnest and will  
swear to these statements.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Norman Pflanzmeister

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Comdr 2nd CG District (all)

7 July 1948

Mr. Norman Prutsenreuter  
Neola, South Dakota

Dear Sir:

This will serve to acknowledge receipt of, and to express appreciation for, the very comprehensive and interesting report on the unusual atmospheric phenomenon observed by you, together with your wife and several other persons, on June 30, 1948, while traveling, by car, on Route 81, between specified points in South Dakota.

Your original letter and attached map section are being forwarded this date, to the proper authority in Washington, D. C., and, no doubt, you will be communicated with directly by such authority should additional information be desired.

By direction of the Commander, Second Coast Guard, District.

Very truly yours,

R. G. WILSON  
Capt, U. S. Coast Guard Reserve  
Chf, Legal Intelligence Section  
Second Coast Guard District

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Description of object as stated by Mr. Bureau Photographer.

First sighting was at approximately 11:27 on 10 June 1968. The object was thought to be a star. Being an amateur astronomer, it aroused the curiosity of Mr. Photographer. There was no concrete shape to the object. It had a round appearance but was not sharply enough defined to positively state that the object was round. Upon observing the object for a short while, it appeared to change its shape having a tendency to flatten out in spots and then return to a round shape again. There was no definite pattern, time, or cycle to the change of shape of the object. The appearance indicated that it was a formation attempting to retain a circular shape. The main tendency was toward roundness. The witness could not state whether or not the object had depth to it.

The object was viewed for approximately two hours. During that period of time the witness moved approximately 22 miles due north and then to a point approximately 13 miles west of an approximate 90° angle to the original direction of travel. The object retained an apparent constant position. At first sighting the object appeared at a compass heading of approximately 49°. At the last sighting the compass heading was approximately 60°. The vertical angle of sight remained constant at about 7° to 8°. Due to the position of the object and estimation, the witness decided that the altitude of the object would be approximately 40 miles. The times and locations of the various sightings are as shown in the original correspondence and map. Mr. Photographer stated that the times and positions originally listed were correct. Tim readings were checked against his wife's watch which was checked with radio time signals at the sightings, and found to be correct.

There was no change in appearance of the object except for an increase in size, until the last sighting at 1:27 when the object started to break up. The object had a definite polished aluminum color and showed no dark or bright spots. There were no trails of any sort apparent prior to break up. The estimated diameter of the original was thought to be approximately 2000 to 3000 feet. Just prior to the breaking up of the mass, it took on a "very appearance resembling a large cluster of golf balls in a round group. The mass seemed to take on a bar shape. Suddenly one ball about 1/2 the size of the original mass dropped from the center of the mass to a distance about 10 times the original diameter of the mass and hung in space. Immediately two balls of the same size as the first moved out of the sides of the mass, accelerated rapidly and came to a quick stop when they reached a distance from the center of the mass equal to the first. The large balls formed an isosceles triangle with the first ball at the apex. There were slight whitish trails visible from the three while occupying their new positions. Shortly thereafter the larger remaining mass tended to break up into equal thirds with the lower sections going downward and the upper section going up forming an upright triangle. During the breaking up of the central mass, a whitish haze was observed towards the center of the triangle from each of the moving thirds. Each third appeared to have over 100 spheres which appeared to be the size of aluminum spoons. It took approximately 20 to



30 seconds for the central mass to take on its new configuration after the three larger balls took up their new positions. The color of the spheres remained a polished aluminum. Trails were apparent only during the break up period. The small spheres appeared to be of two definite sizes, very small and fine specks. The smaller of the small spheres appeared to be approximately 1/10th the size of the large spheres. The other spheres were approximately 1/5th to 1/4th the size of the large spheres. No estimate of attrition between the numbers of the two sizes of small spheres could be made.

Upon assuming this new configuration, the complete mass began to recede from view. The small particles became invisible after one or two minutes. The three larger balls did not seem to start to recede until after the smaller ones were no longer visible. It took about four minutes for the three to disappear after the smaller ones were no longer visible. There was no explosion. There just seemed to be a receding out of sight with the large balls retaining their isometric triangular positions.

The following statements by Mrs. Pfutzenreuter were not in accord with Mr. Pfutzenreuter. Except for the following variations, the statements and descriptions of the witnesses were almost identical.

1. The original mass varied from round to oblong with the distortion not being in any specific direction. The color was described as a polished aluminum with the light shimmering on it similar to the effect of sun glimmering on aluminum aircraft.

2. The original size of the mass was about the size of a star. Prior to break-up, the mass had assumed a size 1" to 20 times larger than the original size. The relative size just prior to break up of the mass was compared to the size of a hard ball being caught by the first baseman as viewed from the third base position.

3. The first impression of the ball's dropping from the center of the mass was similar to a parachute coming out, however, it did not take on a normal shape but assumed a ball shape. The three balls moving away from the mass moved very rapidly and came to a sudden stop when they reached their new positions. There were no trails apparent. After the break up, the balls appeared to have a more whitish appearance with less glare or shimmer. The color was described as being a very bright white. The comparison of the large balls to the small ones was stated as a comparison of a baseball (macro-ball) and a dime as viewed at a distance. Mrs. Pfutzenreuter believed that the small balls were all of the same size. Mrs. Pfutzenreuter did not recall any trail except a foggy haze behind the small balls during their break up. When the small balls were lost from view, a foggy haze was seen at their previous position. This haze had dissipated before the large balls had receded from sight.

*Arthur H. Martin*  
ARTHUR MARTIN  
Captain, USA  
Operations Section



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First part of break up

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Break up completed.

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Incident # 141



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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 142

1. Date
2. Time
3. Location
4. Name of observer Mr. Charles M. Shagle, Jr.
5. Occupation of observer
6. Address of observer Boise, Idaho
7. Place of observation
8. Number of objects
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight
11. Altitude
12. Speed
13. Direction of flight
14. Tactics
15. Sound
16. Size
17. Color
18. Shape
19. Odor detected
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails
22. Weather conditions
23. Effect on clouds
24. Sketches or photographs
25. Manner of disappearance
26. Remarks:

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Project "JGM"

Commanding Officer  
Cowan Field  
Boise, Idaho  
ATTENTION: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force units by Hq, USAF, in letter dated 6 February 1948.
2. It has come to the attention of this Office that a Mr. Charles W. Shangle, Jr., of Boise, Idaho, has reported five different sightings of "flying discs." He also claims to have taken two photographs of the phenomena.
3. It is requested your office interview this individual and obtain the original photographs, if possible, (for loan and reproduction by this Hq), and forward them together with a signed graphic account of the various sightings witnessed. It is further requested that each of the sightings be treated as a complete and separate report presenting the following salient facts: location, date and time of sighting, weather conditions at the time, names, occupations and addresses of witnesses, (if any), photographs or sketches, luminous or metallic construction, number, shape, size, color, speed, in what part of sky first observed, direction, manner of disappearance, maneuverability (tactics), altitude, sound, exhaust trail, odor, if any, effect on clouds, etc.
4. It is requested that the individual be convinced of the necessity of avoiding publicity in relation to this investigation and that it be considered "Confidential."
5. All pertinent material will be forwarded directly to Commanding General, AAG, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention: WCI, in accordance with USAF letter dated 26 February 1948.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

E. M. McCOT  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief of Intelligence

1-4890

30 October 1948

**SUBJECT:** Project Sign.

**TO:** Headquarters Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson, Dayton,  
Ohio.

**ATTENTION:** Chief of Intelligence.

1. Letter your headquarters dated 4 August 1948, copy enclosed, addressed to base intelligence officer, Gordon Army, was received by this organization, the only working military agency of the field since WW II.

2. This organization has no intelligence office, as the undersigned has interviewed Mr. Shangle and submits the following observations.

3. Mr. Shangle is a lad 19 years old residing at 4432 Colorado Street, Boise, Idaho. His speech is incoherent at times and his thinking is shallow. None of his photographs revealed an object of any kind. He states that at age 12 he saw his house slippers walk from one side of the room to the other. He summoned his parents so that they might observe the return trip of the slippers, but nothing seemed to happen. He dates on football plays and is quite good, as evidenced by the fact that the coaches of the local high school and junior college solicit his services to help develop new plays.

4. I feel sure that the acquisition of the details you requested is not justified from the standpoint of wasted time alone.

JAMES M. TRAIL,  
Major -ret & 242nd ASG,  
1st AGC,  
Commanding.

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## CHECK-LIST OF IDENTIFIABLE FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 143

1. Date
2. Time
3. Location
4. Name of observer: Capt Felix G. Matthews
5. Occupation of observer
6. Address of observer: Columbia, South Carolina
7. Place of observation
8. Number of objects
9. Distance of object from observer
10. Time in sight
11. Altitude
12. Speed
13. Direction of flight
14. Tactics
15. Sound
16. Size
17. Color
18. Shape
19. Color markings
20. Apparent construction
21. Exhaust trails
22. Weather conditions
23. Effect of clouds
24. Sketches or photographs
25. Manner of disappearance
26. Remarks

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Project "SIG"

Commanding Officer  
Shaw Air Force Base  
Spartanburg, South Carolina  
ATTENTION: Base Intelligence Officer

1. This Command is currently engaged in an intelligence investigation of all reported sightings of unidentifiable aerial phenomena and has been authorized direct communication with all Air Force units by Hq. USAF, in letter dated 6 February 1945.
2. It has come to the attention of this Office that S. Felix G. Matthews of Columbia, South Carolina, has reported witnessing the so-called "flying discs."
3. It is requested your office interview this individual and obtain a signed graphic statement as to the anomaly observed. It is further requested that the observer indicate to the best of her ability the following salient factors: Location, date and time of sighting, weather conditions at the time, names, occupations and addresses of witnesses, (if any), photographs or sketches, luminous or metallic construction, number, shape, size, color, speed, in what part of sky first observed, direction, manner of disappearance, maneuverability (tactics), altitude, sound, exhaust trail, odor, if any, effect on clouds, etc.
4. It is requested that the individual be informed that her disclosures will be treated as "strictly confidential", and that, in the interests of national defense, all publicity surrounding this investigation be stringently avoided.
5. All pertinent material will be forwarded directly to Commanding General, AMC, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Wright Field, Ohio, attention: MCI, in accordance with USAF letter dated 26 February 1945.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

E. M. MCCOY  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, of Intelligence

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Incident #3

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Headquarters 80th Fighter Wing  
OFFICE OF THE W MG A-2

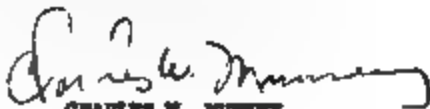
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SUBJECT: Project "SIGN"

TO : CHIEF Of Intelligence  
Air Materiel Command  
~~Headquarters Air Force Materiel~~  
Wright Fld., Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to letter your office MEIAXD-3/BAI/AN,  
Subject, "Project Sign," dtd, 5 August 1948.

2. This is an interim report. The matter is being investi-  
gated. The report will be submitted within a few days.



CHARLES W. HUNSBY  
Major, USAF  
Wing A-2

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Basic: Ltr Fr Hqs, AMC, subj: Project "SIGN" 264, 5 Aug 48

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HEADQUARTERS, 20TH FIGHTER WING, Shaw Air Force Base, Shaw Field,  
South Carolina. 23 Aug 48

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright Air Force Base,  
Dayton, Ohio. ATTN: MCIAD-3

An attempt was made by the A-2 this headquarters to contact the  
subject with the following results:

Mrs. Felix G. (Minnie G.) Matthews was a transient resident in  
Columbia, S. C. Her temporary residence was the Devine Tourist Home,  
3000 Devine St, Columbia, S. C. She moved in February 1948 and left  
no forwarding address. The above information was obtained from her  
landlady, Mrs. Stokes, who also added that in her opinion, the sub-  
ject was not very reliable.

*CMH*  
CHARLES W. MURPHY  
Major, USAF  
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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 24 July 1948 Incident # 144
2. Time 0245
3. Location 20 miles south of Montgomery, Ala.
4. Name of observer Pilot Clarence Shipps Chiles & Co-pilot John B. Whitted & Mr. McKelvie
5. Occupation of observer Pilot and Co-pilot (EAL) Mr. McKelvie's occupation W/S
6. Address of observer Atlanta Office of EAL
7. Place of observation air - 20 miles south of Montgomery, Ala.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 700 ft
10. Time in sight 10 to 15 seconds
11. Altitude 5,000 ft
12. Speed 500 to 700 MPH (See Atlanta Constitution - 25 July 48)
13. Direction of flight southwest toward Mobile and New Orleans
14. Tactics Pulled up sharply with tremendous burst of flame  
(Atlanta Constitution - 25 July 48)
15. Sound none
16. Size 100 ft long and about twice the diameter of a "B-29"
17. Color W/S
18. Shape Cigar-shaped
19. Color detected W/S
20. Apparent construction W/S
21. Exhaust trails red-orange flame with blue fluorescent glow running underneath the object
22. Weather conditions full moon, clear with broken cloud coverage of 4/10 at 6,000 ft
23. Effect on clouds W/S - pulled up into one.
24. Sketches or photographs 2 sketches
25. Manner of disappearance Disappeared into a cloud
26. Remarks: See attached statements.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

Form No. 101, 5 (11-61)

Name	Address	Special Investigator
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover	2500 ...	Walter S. ...
Director		
Special Investigator		

TO: SAC, ...

FROM: SAC, ...

SUBJECT: ...

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- Q. 17. (Continued) What was the distance from the object to the witness?
- A. 17. About 100 feet.
- Q. 18. How did you estimate the distance?
- A. 18. From the edge and shape of the object.
- Q. 19. The peak of the object was higher than the ground level, was it not?
- A. 19. Yes.
- Q. 20. Was the entire object illuminated because of the light?
- A. 20. I noticed a faint glow on the body of the object, but a phosphorescent glow.
- Q. 21. Are you familiar with shooting stars?
- A. 21. Yes Sir. I thought at first it was a shooting star, but a shooting star falls perpendicular, this was a straight and level plane. Was it illuminated from above or from right due to distance rather than drop.
- Q. 22. How did it differ from a shooting star or meteor?
- A. 22. It was not a shooting star or meteor.
- Q. 23. I have only seen one or two meteors and they appear as a ball or more or less ball-shaped and this object was long and thin in shape.
- A. 23. That was the color of the light.
- Q. 24. It was a trailing faint blue flame.
- Q. 25. Was there any moonlight at this time?
- A. 25. I didn't pay too much attention to the moonlight. I wouldn't say for sure whether there was a moon.
- Q. 26. Where did the light that illuminated the shape of the object seem to come from?
- A. 26. It looked like it was close to the bottom deck.
- Q. 27. Did it give you the impression that there were windows or balconies and did the decks appear to be divided into sections?
- A. 27. I am not sure. It would be hard to tell if there were windows and a divided deck could not be recognized from the ground.

Q. Did you ever remember someone at the two civilian pilots  
Q. Did you ever see any object about the same time and did the  
Q. Did you ever see the rate of speed. I don't see that  
Q. Did you see any red square or round objects but the  
Q. Did you see any by inspection.

Q. Did you see this object?

A. I was standing in front of No. 2 engine and I tried  
to get the co-pilot's attention to the object in the sky. He  
had already got his backgear on before I could get his attention  
to the object was gone.

Q. Did you ever first discuss this matter?

A. I called the team and asked them if they saw it. They didn't.

Q. What was their reaction regarding this object?

A. They thought I was drunk or seeing things.

Q. Were you unusually fatigued at this time?

A. No Sir, I had been usually reading Air Force magazines prior to  
this time.

Q. 21. Have you ever had occasion to read such or study Air Force  
magazines, experiments with guided missiles, objects, or similar  
material?

A. 21. No Sir, only what I could get out of Air Force and Aviation  
magazines.

Q. 22. Were you in the Air Force during the war?

A. 22. Yes Sir, I was an Aircraft Engine Mechanic with a rating of  
Back Sergeant in the Ninth Air Force.

Q. 23. Is there anyone else on the Base who saw this particular object  
that you know of?

A. 23. No Sir.

Q. 24. What type of construction, color, size, and material did this  
object appear to resemble?

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- Q. 24. I would say that it looked like it was about the size of a B-29. It might have been a little larger, in circumference. It was too large for a jet. It seemed to be a dark color and constructed of an unknown metallic type material.
- Q. 25. What would you say its speed was in comparison with other type aircraft?
- A. 25. About seven hundred miles per hour.
- Q. 26. How did you arrive at that estimate?
- A. 26. I have seen P-50 and P-51 type aircraft flying but this was one of the fastest objects I have ever seen. I saw German V-1s in the summer of 1944 and they were fast, but this one was even faster. This object was much larger. A V-1 is very small and only made about three hundred miles per hour speed.
- Q. 27. How did it disappear?
- A. 27. Just like an airplane in normal flight fading away from normal vision.
- Q. 28. Was there any sound or vibration at that time?
- A. 28. I heard no sound and something was going on around me - something up at that time.
- Q. 29. How about the maneuverability and exhaust trail of this object?
- A. 29. It was flying straight and level and took a changing southeast course while in sight. The flame seemed to be longer, maybe due to the object moving through the air.
- Q. 30. Had you consumed any alcohol in the preceding four or five hours?
- A. 30. No Sir, I do not drink.
- Q. 31. Did you ever see any planes in "Hot Spots" circles that resembled this object?
- A. 31. Maybe the length and roundness resembled but as far as the wings, I couldn't tell if this object had any.
- Q. 32. What did you say your educational background and Air Force experience was?
- A. 32. I am a high school graduate and I was in the Air Force for four years.

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DETAILS: (Cont'd)

- Q. 33. How long have you worked here?
- A. 33. Since September 1947.
- Q. 34. When did you get out of the Air Force?
- A. 34. I was discharged in March 1947 as an enlisted reserve Book Sergeant engineer.
- Q. 35. Is there anything further you would like to add to aid in this evaluation?
- A. 35. Yes Sir. During the Battle of the Bulge, a Sergeant and myself were on guard duty and saw something that resembled this object in question. We later found that we had witnessed the launching of a German V-2 rocket. It carried a stream of fire that more or less resembled this object. This object looked like rocket propulsion rather than jet propulsion, but the speed and size was much greater.
- Q. 36. Did the altitude, speed, and size of this object have any similarity to a meteor or shooting star?
- A. 36. No Sir.
- Q. 37. What else did you associate your thoughts with when you first saw this object?
- A. 37. It looked like a rocket and was the shape of an M-1. It was too large for an M-1. My final conclusion was that it was energized by rocket propulsion.
- Q. 38. Were you excited when you told the other people about this object?
- A. 38. No Sir. They more or less kidded me about it and was informed that Flight Service wanted to see me.
- Q. 39. What did you tell me in Flight Service?
- A. 39. I talked to a man over the interphone system but did not know his name. He wanted to know whether I was a civilian or military and asked me a few questions. I think Flight Service turned it over to Air Defense Command the next morning.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

DETAILS: (Cont'd)

- Q. 48. Do there anything further you that you could like to say?
- A. 49. No Sir.
- Q. 41. I wish to remind you that this is a confidential communication and that what we have discussed here is not to be discussed with anyone else.
- A. 41. I will regard it as such.

RE: [Illegible]

On 19 August 1968, Special Agent Cassidy contacted Capt. E. R. [Illegible], Public Information Officer, Indian Air Force Base, Georgia. He determined whether or not any publicity releases were given to the reported sightings on Indian Air Force Base. Captain [Illegible] stated that no press releases were given out on this information but an article had been written in the Indian Air Force Base paper on Monday, 9 August 1968. A copy of this article is attached as Exhibit 2.

On 19 August 1968, Special Agent Cassidy contacted Flight Commander to determine the exact time of takeoff of the C-47 type aircraft on which Walter S. [Illegible] was standing five guard when he sighted the aerial phenomenon. This agent was advised that a C-47 type aircraft took off at [Illegible] hours on 21 July 1968. The destination of this aircraft was [Illegible] Field and the Pilot's name was Captain [Illegible].

[Illegible] This is undoubtedly the aircraft on which [Illegible] stood five guard since it takes about 30 to 40 minutes to cover the radius of the aircraft and to land out to take off position and take off.

On 19 August 1968, Special Agent Cassidy contacted the Weather Station on the Flight Line and obtained the official weather reports and reports for the time when the aerial phenomenon was apparent. In general, the weather was as follows: The 2300 hours sequence of the 21 July indicated broken clouds at 2000 feet and a high overcast at 30,000 feet. The visibility was 10 miles in light rain. The temperature was 79 degrees and the dew point was 75 degrees. The wind was out of the southwest at 6 miles per hour. By 0200 hours the clouds were scattered at 4000 feet and the light rain had stopped. The wind shifted to the east and decreased to 2 miles per hour. At 0330 hours the scattered clouds had disappeared but the high overcast at 20,000 feet remained and the wind had shifted to the north at 2 miles per hour. At 0430 the overcast at 20,000 feet became scattered and the wind was calm. The moon was full phase. (Exhibit 3)

[Illegible Signature]





Report of Special Agent in Charge, Special Investigation Division, 7 Sep 1948  
FILE NO: 333.5 (24-1)

Subject: (b)(7)(C)

Investigation failed to reveal other persons who observed  
suspected aerial objects on 26 July 1948.

Records of the Weather Station, Atlanta Naval Air Base, Georgia,  
reports revealed that visibility was good and that clouds were light and  
scattered from one to five miles per hour with 2000 hours, 26 July 1948.

Records of the Atlanta Naval Air Base, Atlanta National Airport  
and Maritime Army Air Base, Marietta, Georgia revealed no probable  
objects in the vicinity of Marietta, Georgia during 2000 hours to 2200  
hours on 26 July 1948.

Investigation in the vicinity of Marietta, Georgia revealed no  
evidence of landing devices and aircraft by Columbus, Navy, Army, Air Force,  
Marine Corps, Federal Government or any other.

Witness, Name:

On 22 August 1948, at 1930 hours, Randolph Russell, of AOM Greene  
Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Service  
in the office of the Marietta Base, Augusta, Georgia. The informant  
stated as follows:

"I am a messenger man by occupation and work for the Augusta  
Chronicle. While working in this capacity on the 26th of July 1948,  
I received a call from an individual, John Smith, who is an object  
in the sky. Between 2:00 hours and 2:30 hours, John Smith, who is the  
night editor for the Augusta Chronicle, called some of the office staff  
into his office to view the object in the sky. On arriving at the front  
office, I first saw the object in the southeast, traveling in a general  
eastward direction. The altitude and speed of the object could not be  
ascertained. The object resembled a red light. The tactics were of  
a landing and waiting device. I viewed the object for only a few minutes.

"I did not see the informant in the object nor  
the object's identity. It stated that he was stationed in Atlanta and  
observed many phenomena, such as shooting stars and meteors. He did  
not draw any conclusions as to the sighted object. Russell asserted he  
could not draw in connection with this object.

On 22 August 1948 at 1930 hours, Carl E. Hill of 1270 West Street,  
Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Service in the  
office of the Marietta Base, Augusta, Georgia. The informant stated  
as follows:

"My occupation is that of a night editor for the Augusta  
Chronicle, Augusta, Georgia. I was on duty the night of the 26th of July  
1948, when Mr. John Smith called for me to the office to observe a

DETAILS: (Cont'd)

object in the sky. This was between 21:30 hours and 22:30 hours. I viewed the object which appeared to me as a luminous glowing object with no particular size, shape, or form. The object seemed to be traveling in a general southeast direction. I could not approximate the distance of the object, but estimated that it was 3,000 to 4,000 feet in altitude. The object was moving up and down in the flight, and it did not resemble any known type of aircraft. I could not recall, nor did I detect any clue in connection with this object.

On 22 August 1948 at 2000 hours, John Francis Smith, of 1200 Wilkes Way, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Smith, at his residence. The informant stated in substance:

My occupation is that of night officer for the Augusta Chronicle. I was working in that capacity on 22d July 1948. I started receiving calls at approximately 2000 hours to the effect that there was a ball of fire in the sky. I contacted these calls from various sections of the city and from South Georgia. I looked out the window in my office and an object appeared to be a bright light. The light was slightly southeast and was moving in a southeast direction, banking and curving to flight. It was not traveling in a level plane but seemed to go slightly up and down. The speed was approximately that of an average passenger aircraft. I judged the object's distance from me to be approximately five miles. There was a slight trail following the object which seemed to have faded out in the course of flight. The object itself probably disappeared from sight as a normal aircraft might do in flight. Its altitude was approximately 3,000 feet.

SMITH'S NOTE: Smith has never witnessed any type of jet aircraft in flight.

On 22 August 1948 at 2100 hours, Martin G. Smith of 611 Howell Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Agent Smith in the office of the Civil Air Station, Ruskville Field, Georgia. The informant stated in substance:

My occupation is Chief of Communications - Civil, Ruskville Field, Ga. On 22 July 1948, at 21:00 or 21:30 hours, while standing on my front porch at 611 Howell Street, I sighted an object which appeared out of the south-west and was traveling in a southeast direction. I was looking the north of the time I sighted this object. The size of the object appeared to be about one-fourth the size of a full moon. It was a multi-colored object and was very brilliant. My opinion is that the object was a rocket traveling in the lower level. The object was trailed by a great quantity which turned themselves out in flight. The distance of the object could not be established. The estimated speed was between 20,000 and 25,000 miles per hour. The object, itself, was viewed for a period of two to three minutes and it then disappeared from view.

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On 28 August 1948, at 9:45 hours, Charles Anderson of 1728 1/2th Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Investigator Morris in the office of the Augusta Chronicle. The informant stated the following in substance:

"My occupation is that of a printer and I work for the Augusta Chronicle on the night shift. On 26 July 1948 at 12:00 hours, I sighted an object in the northeast. The object was traveling from the southwest to the northeast. It appeared to be along a right angle. The point of the angle was the leading edge with the trailing edge appearing in the sky as approximately six feet in length. The color was that of normal electric light, evenly distributed. The object was traveling at a speed of approximately one hundred and fifty miles per hour and the object maintained a level plane. There was no maneuverability and the object passed directly overhead. The altitude was approximately 1,000 to 1,500 feet."

On 27 August 1948, at 9:30 hours, Mrs. Sylvia Stoney of 1244 1/2th Street, Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed at her residence by Special Investigator Morris. The informant stated the following in substance:

"I am a housewife and on 26 July 1948, I was sitting at my front porch at my residence when I sighted an object to the north. The object was traveling from east to north or in a northwesterly direction. The object was very brilliant. It appeared as a red ball of fire with a thick tail. It was the size of a kitchen plate with a tail approximately six feet in length. The tail was the same color with lesser brilliancy than the body. The object was traveling extremely fast. I could not make an estimate of the speed. It was traveling in flight on a straight plane with a slight climb toward the north. The object disappeared from view behind a group of trees and was not seen again. The object resembled a shooting star but was very brilliant. The object did not appear to be a type of aircraft. I sighted this object at 11:30 hours on the 26 July 1948."

On 27 August 1948, at 10:00 hours, Mrs. Harry B. Foreman of 622 Grant Avenue, South Augusta, Georgia, was interviewed at her residence by Special Investigator Morris. The informant stated the following in substance:

"I am a housewife and on 26 July 1948 my husband and I were in our car returning from the drug store at approximately 11:10 or 11:15 hours. We were crossing the 12th Street bridge on our way home when we saw an object in the sky. The object was larger than a very large shooting star and was traveling from east to west. It was red with a thick white following the trailing light, or tail, appeared to be another ball the approximate size of the one leading. The light was very brilliant and appeared to be traveling in the lower atmosphere. The object gradually

*Harry B. Foreman*

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disappeared from view in flight as it landed on or near the  
line of vision. The object stayed the same size as it moved  
and did not seem to be the manner of a shooting star. The  
traveled in a straight or level plane.

The following is the weather report as reported by the  
Field Weather Station for the period of 2130 hours to 2200 hours  
July 1946.

The visibility was 10 miles. There were light clouds  
with less than four-tenths coverage. The temperature was 81 degrees  
The dewpoint was 67 degrees and the wind was from the south at 10  
miles per hour. The barometric pressure was 30.21 inches of mercury  
At 2130 hours, the weather didn't remain substantially the same  
that the wind had decreased by eight miles per hour to six  
hours. It was reported that no radio beam or balloon was  
released at this time by the Weather Station at Santa Fe.

Attention is invited to the following exhibits attached:

- EXHIBIT I - Article Santa Fe News, 9 August 1946, "Mystery Object  
SEEN OVER, OVERHEAD"
- EXHIBIT II - Article Santa Fe Chronicle, 27 July 1946, "Mystery Object  
SEEN IN THE SKY OVER SANTA FE"
- EXHIBIT III - Article, Atlanta Constitution, 27 July 1946, "Mystery Object  
SEEN OVER SANTA FE"
- EXHIBIT IV - Weather Report for July 1946

NOTE: Exhibits are attached to original of this report only.

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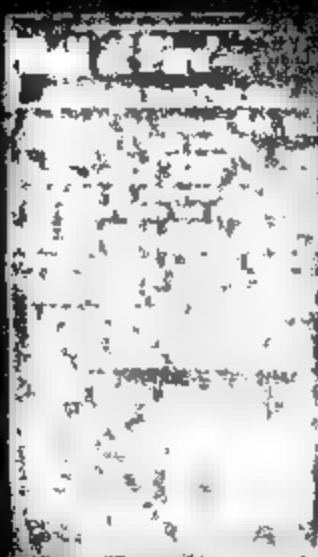
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EXHIBIT II

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Los Angeles Chronicle, 27 July 1948, "HALL OF FAME GIVEN TO SIXTY ONE AMERICAN"



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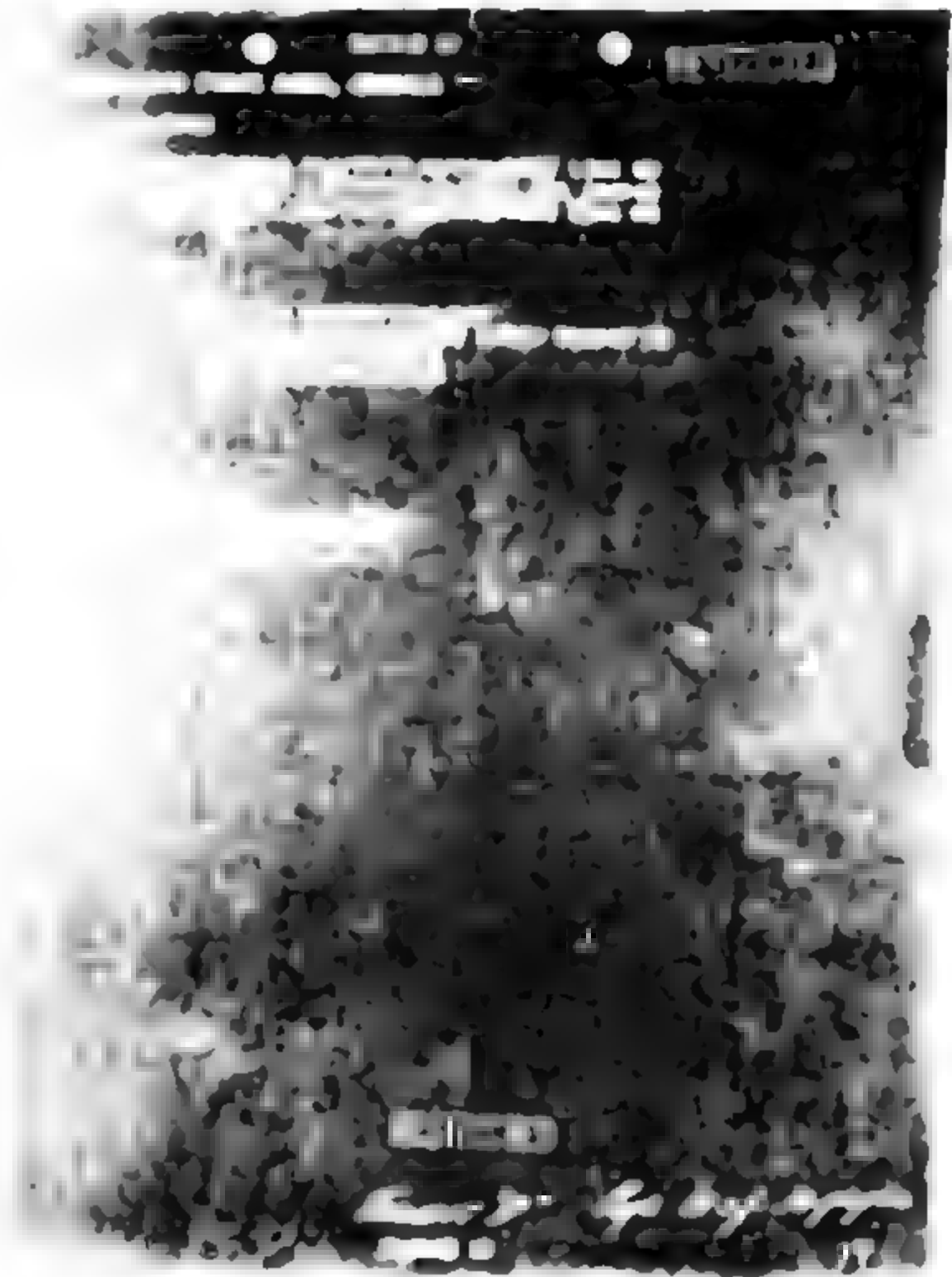


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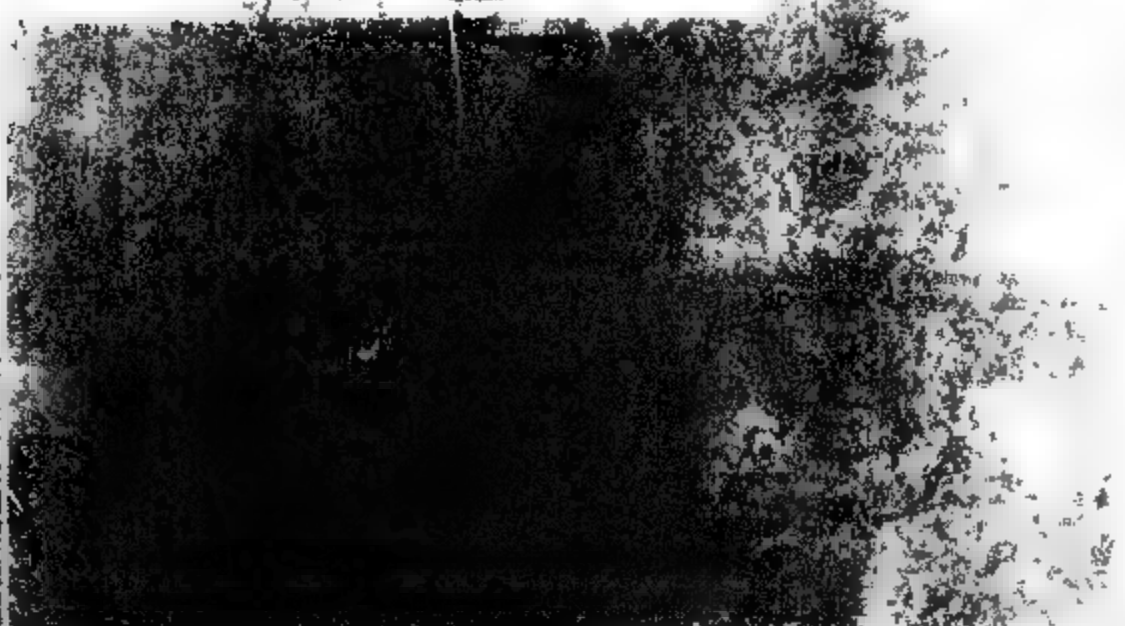
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ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
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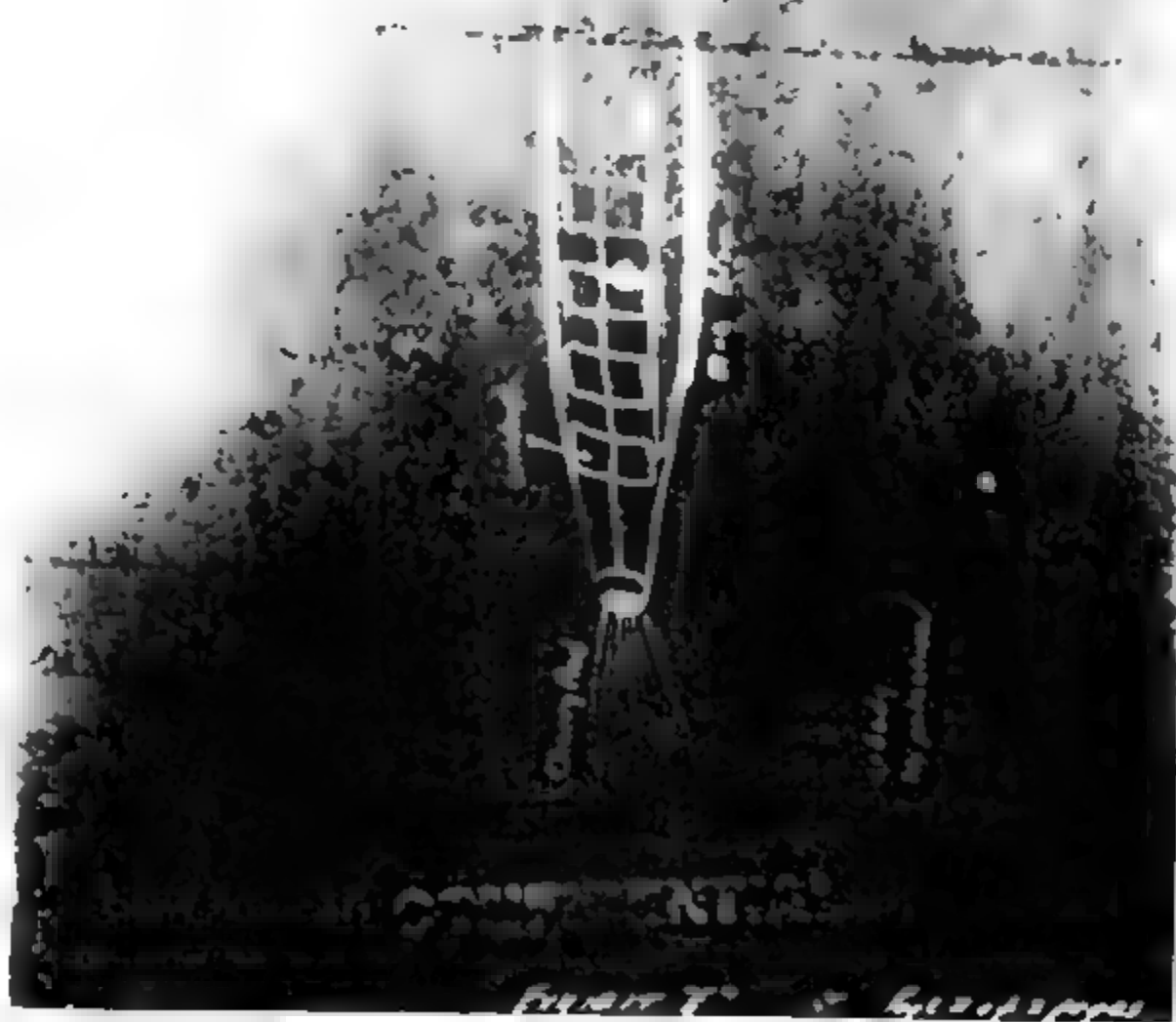


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On 21 July 1944, the following persons were interviewed and their statements summarized:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gray, Apartment 202 B, George West Apartments, Seattle, Washington.
2. Mrs. Robert Adams, Apartment 202 B, George West Apartments, Seattle, Washington.
3. Mrs. James Hill, Apartment 202 A, George West Apartments, Seattle, Washington.
4. Mrs. Sylvia Adams, Apartment 202 A, George West Apartments, Seattle, Washington.
5. Mrs. John Hill, Apartment 202 A, George West Apartments, Seattle, Washington.

Investigation failed to reveal other persons who observed unidentified aerial objects on 21 July 1944.

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4. Mrs. Sylvia Adams, Apartment 202 A, George West Apartments, Seattle, Washington.
5. Mrs. John Hill, Apartment 202 A, George West Apartments, Seattle, Washington.

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Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities  
 Senate 2, Washington, DC, 121th 6th Sess.



U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA



WEATHER CONDITIONS ON THE 26 JULY 1948 UNTIL 2030 EST.

2 TENTHS OF CIRROUS CLOUDS AT 25,000 FT. WITH 1 TO 5 TENTHS OF  
LOWER STRATO-CUMULUS AT 5000 FT. VISIBILITY 12 TO 15 MILES.  
SURFACE WINDS LIGHT AND VARIABLE 2 TO 5 MILES PER HOUR.  
TEMPERATURE REACHED A HIGH OF 82°F. AT 1430 EST. AND  
DROPPED TO 81°F. BY 2030 EST. THE STATION PRESSURE WAS GENERALLY  
STEADY, BUT WITH A TENDENCY TO DROP.

2030 EST WIND 04/50 12 143/81/71 GALE 906  
STATION PRESSURE 28.935  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY 65%

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EXHIBIT 14

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# Atlanta Pilots Report Wingless Sky Monster

By ALBERT SMITH

Atlanta, Ga., (AP)—Two pilots flying over the city yesterday reported seeing a wingless, saucer-shaped object in the sky. The object, which was described as being about the size of a dinner plate, was seen for several minutes and was reported to have been flying at a high altitude. The pilots, who were flying in the area of the city, described the object as being very bright and having a shimmering surface. They also reported that the object was moving in a very erratic manner and that it appeared to be following them. The pilots, who were flying in the area of the city, described the object as being very bright and having a shimmering surface. They also reported that the object was moving in a very erratic manner and that it appeared to be following them.

While the two pilots say the object about what had been in a flying saucer pattern, they said they saw it near Atlanta. Both pilots, who served in Army units during the war, said they

had never seen anything before that even closely resembled a saucer-shaped object, and they had no idea what it could have been. Neither Army or C.A.A. officials would say any more on the matter.

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**RECORDS MYSTERIOUS 'FLYING'.** Co-Pilot John B. Whitted (left) and Pilot Clarence Edgar Childs, of an Eastern Air Lines DC-3, tell Lookwood Day, WOOD News Director, how they saw a large, saucer-shaped, double-decker, wingless object which they saw early yesterday morning near Montgomery, Ala.

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ARTICLE, ATLANTA JOURNAL, 1944

**Ball of Fire Trailing**  
**Plane Sighted Over Atlanta**

ATLANTA, Ga., (AP) — A ball of fire trailing a plane was sighted over Atlanta today, according to reports from several sources.

The sighting occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m. and was described as a bright, glowing sphere moving rapidly across the sky. Witnesses reported that the object was seen for several minutes before disappearing.

Local police and fire departments were alerted to the sighting, but no investigation was conducted as the object was believed to be a meteor or a small aircraft.

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# EASTERN AIR LINES

HEADQUARTERS  
1000 WASHINGTON AVENUE  
CANTON, OHIO  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

August 17, 1940

Colonel Edward McCoy, U.S.A.  
Office of the Commanding General, A.M.C. Headquarters  
Wright Field  
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Colonel McCoy:

I am enclosing herewith the data requested by  
your Mr. A. C. Leading.

I hope it meets your requirements.

Instructions have been issued that any flight  
personnel who again see any unusual craft will report  
them to our Vice President of Operations, Mr. Sidney B.  
Shanaw, and we shall be glad to get in further touch  
with you.

Sincerely yours,



Stanley B. Shanaw  
Vice President

Enclosed  
and



Memorandum

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To : Mr. [illegible]

From : Mr. [illegible]

Subject : Mr. [illegible]  
Pilot J. E. Whitted

In your report, I give you below a brief outline of the equipment of Capt. G. E. Collins and Pilot J. E. Whitted by Eastern Air Lines.

Capt. G. E. Collins - Capt. Collins was employed January 1, 1941, in service Eastern Air Lines as a captain of aircraft. He was in the Army in March 1940. He returned to Eastern Air Lines on October 1, 1940, during the period of Collins' service in contact with Eastern Air Lines, he showed strong average ability, with a progressive and conscientious attitude towards the company and his job. Immediately after he returned from the Army, he was promoted to co-captain, and started flying the line. He has had an exceptionally good record as captain, and appears to be very successful in all details of his job. He works very hard with the crew and the Captain, and has made many valuable suggestions to the company towards improvement and emergency flying procedures.

In my opinion, Captain Collins is a very stable person. He is truthful and sincere in every respect, and his loyalty to Eastern Air Lines has been unquestionable.

Pilot J. E. Whitted - Pilot Whitted was released from the Army in December 1941, and applied for a position with Eastern Air Lines on December 27, 1941. His application was approved, and he was employed on July 1, 1942. Since that time, Pilot Whitted has shown excellent improvement, and his pilot progress report grades are above those of the average captain. Pilot Whitted is very conscientious, and in his work he appears to be very progressive. In my observation, I think he is well qualified as exceptionally good captain material.

In my opinion, Pilot Whitted is of a stable nature, and is very truthful in his statements.

J. E. [illegible]

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ENCLOSURE - Report of [illegible]







I am writing to you regarding the incident that occurred on the 15th of last month. I am sorry that I was not able to contact you sooner. The situation was quite chaotic at the time, and I was overwhelmed with the amount of information that I had to process. I have since reviewed the reports and the evidence that was gathered, and I am confident that the investigation is well advanced. I will be sure to keep you updated as soon as I have any further news. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I am sure that you will understand the need for thoroughness in this matter. It is our responsibility to ensure that all aspects of the case are fully investigated and that justice is served. I appreciate your cooperation and the support that you have provided throughout this process. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be happy to address them as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet with you in person and discuss the progress of the investigation in more detail. I will contact you again in the next few days to arrange a convenient time for our meeting. In the meantime, please continue to keep me informed of any developments on your end. Your input is invaluable, and I am grateful for your continued involvement in this case.

Sincerely,  
 [Name]





INCID #199

HENRY GRADY HOTEL

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ATLANTA, GA

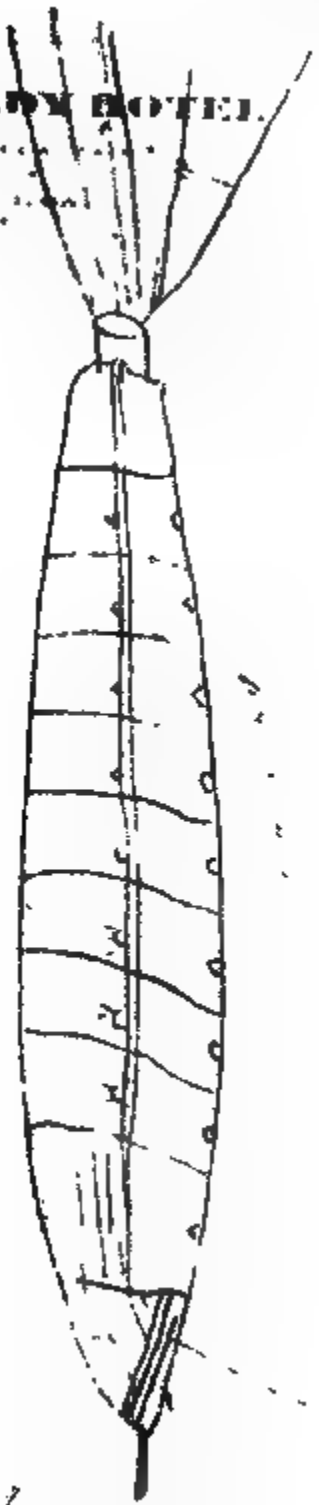
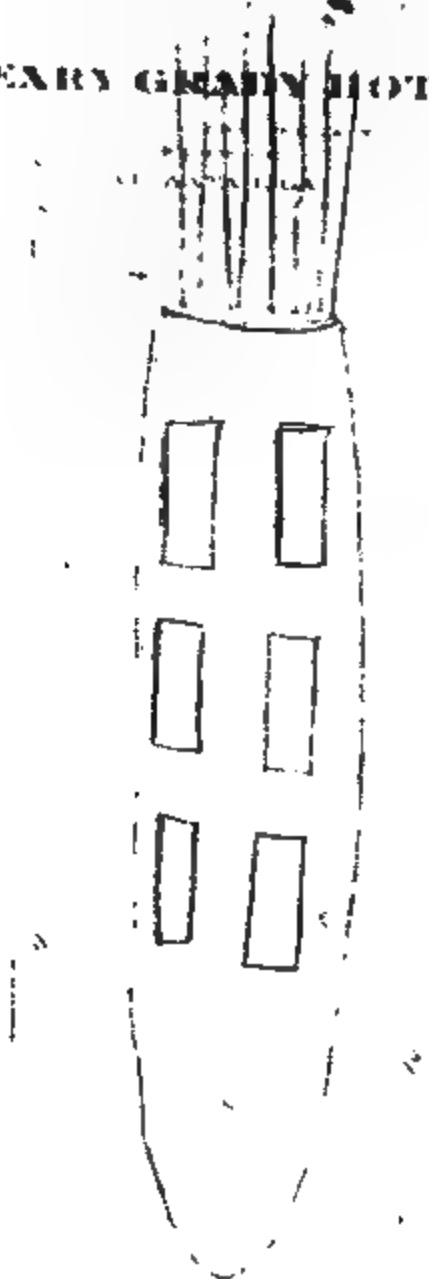


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# HENRY GRADY HOTEL



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- (1) - that according to sighting by MacKay, Colles, Skitted and McKelvie
- (2) - that of Redburn, our friend of Montgomery
- (3) - that of MacKay, Colles, McKelvie, Skitted and Frowen
- (4) - that of Gall, MacKay and Dr. Gebring, our friend of Montgomery

b. To be an irrelevant factor in a systematic manner, the factor presented in Exhibit "A" is present in the order of occurrence in the case.

(1) Incident #1

- a. Object was sighted on July 1948 between Olt and Olt from the ground at Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.
- b. Object was sighted from an altitude of 1,000 feet by Skitted and McKelvie while flying over the area of Montgomery, Alabama. The time of the sighting was July 1948 at approximately 0045 GMT.
- c. Both the MacKay sighting and that of Skitted and McKelvie describe the object as "cigar" or "cylindrical" in shape. (McKelvie perceived only the lower portion).
- d. All observers agree that the object was traveling in a general westerly direction and that it was tracked by a flame warping in color and that it behaved like a normal craft insofar as disappearing from the line of sight was concerned.
- e. NO: It is a known fact that at various conditions such as varying degrees of humidity and incidence of light refraction often influence the color of the light observed. This would serve to explain why many observers conflict in their descriptions as to color of light displayed by the object or its trail.
- f. Four witnesses to the sighting are involved; three are trained observers. In no instance were there any indications of subversive or ulterior influences involved.
- g. Both the MacKay account and that of Colles, Skitted and McKelvie were officially made within a period of time that would preclude any chance of impressions being gained from radio or newspaper reports.

(2) Incident #2

Object #2 was observed at Felvry, Sanfield and Kingley at 0.30 hours on July, 1948, while airborne, between Blount, Virginia, and Greensboro, North Carolina. This sighting is considered separately since the descriptions of speed as "meteoric" or "terrific", the manner of travel described as arc or horizontal, and the fact that it "faded like a meteor" seem to indicate that the object seen was not the one observed in Incident 1.

(3) Incident #3

This object was observed between 2100 and 2300 hours on July, 1948 at Columbus, and Augusta, Georgia, by observers Aver, Howell, Bell, B. Title, Wilkinson, R. Windsor, Provost and Tall. This object was not thought to be a meteor in that it maneuvered. The glow was described as varied in color but predominantly brilliant blue-white. The course was described as generally "southern". Although the data seem to indicate that this sighting could not be the same as that described in Incident 1, yet the major portion of this testimony refers to a "blue white light". Observations in the first instance describe a "blue glow" running the entire length of the fuselage. When viewed from the ground it is logical to assume that the blue glow would be mostly visible.

NOTE: In this connection, Dr. Josef Allen (Mex, astrophysicist, GERT, who is presently to serve as consultant on this project, has advised that it is possible for a celestial body to appear to travel in a straight line and then maneuver. (It is extremely improbable, although aerodynamically possible, for some objects to achieve an effect of lift through the forces generated during their flight through the atmosphere). It is his further opinion that it is impossible for any celestial body to maneuver violently and make sharp turns. It is extremely unlikely for heavenly bodies to appear to move slowly when passing through the lower layers of the atmosphere, but, from great distances, it is possible to observe distant bodies for extended periods of time. Objective size is contingent upon (1) distance of the heavenly body from the earth and (2) its mass. The manner of disappearance of a meteor is like a light suddenly blinking off.

(4) Incident 4

Object 4 was observed by Snow, Jr & Mr. Sebring, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Renfro and Mr. Neenith, between the hours of 205 to 250, 26 July 1948, at Chamblee, Georgia and Augusta, Georgia. Description of this object seems to indicate that it was a meteor. Five of the observers said that the object was "football sized"; that it appeared to be a green light with a silvery tail and that it observed level flight. The least observer stated that the speed was "10,000 to 20,000 mph" and that "it appeared to be 1/2 the size of a full moon", and that "it was a multi-colored, brilliant light trailing a burning fragment." The terrific speed together with the description of a multi-colored light trailing burning fragments seems to establish this object as a meteor.

2. Conclusions

1. The only incident which provides absolute intelligence significance is incident #1. It is obvious that this object was not a meteor. There is no evidence to support any findings of unreliability, nor are there any major inaccuracies on the part of the witnesses.

2. We therefore establish areas of visibility as stated in the observers' reports.

3. Available information from Ordnance, Army, Navy and AF Weather Bureau, Research Organizations, and other, failed to reveal any evidence of testing devices to which this incident could be attributed.

4. Apparently it is not of domestic origin since a thorough check of 205 flight routes, both commercial and governmental, revealed that in only one instance did the reported flight paths cross. (See chart included as Exhibit "1") This single exception was the flight in a northwesterly direction of a C-47 enroute Robins AF Base to Olmsted Field, Pa. Its time of departure would have enabled it to have passed through the approximate areas on the 26 Jul 1948 where the sightings were reported. However, the factors of speed, direction of flight, maneuvers, configurations, lights and other factors rule out this one possibility.

5. Objects similar in configuration have been reported as follows:

- a. Rocket-like objects capable of immense speed were seen during the past summer in broad daylight in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
- b. A wingless aircraft was observed moving at high speed at Obrechtstreet, Arnheim, The Hague, Holland. The object was seen intermittently through clouds and was reported to have two decks.

8. An American newspaperman observed a wingless craft  
come 5 miles from Moscow that which was traveling at  
a speed faster than that of a conventional aircraft.

9. That this development is probably of foreign origin would seem  
to be a logical premise.

10. The landing of the object (generally south of S. 1 or S. 2) -  
was tentatively established the destination as (1) United States or (2)  
Mexico.

11. While the shape or torque showed body represents an efficient  
form for the fuselage of an airplane or the body of a glider, it is  
clearly not a primary lift producing surface. However,  
an extension of the Prandtl theory of lift in fact, that the shape of  
the object, the 4,000 pound weight of the object and 5 miles  
per hour velocity, Alabaha, incline could support a weight of  
11,000 pounds at a landing speed of 15 mph, can creatively  
be used. If a lift coefficient twice that were used (see a value  
given by a German scientist from a report of wind tunnel research  
in Germany), a gross weight of 22,000 pounds could be supported at a  
landing speed.

12. If the craft reported by Hitler and 5 miles per hour, it is  
probable that it could have been equipped with  
a variable wing for take-off and landing, contained within the fuselage.  
In fact, a wing span of nearly 90 feet would be possible. If an  
aspect ratio of 5 were used (12 ft mean aerodynamic chord), and if the wing  
design incorporated slot and flap, the wing could support 115,200 pounds  
at a landing speed of 15 mph. If the angle of incidence of the wing to  
the fuselage were sufficiently large, a further lift contribution from the  
fuselage could be obtained. In addition, lift could be obtained as a com-  
ponent of the propulsive jet thrust, or by making the vertical component  
of the total thrust act as a lift force. As all of the  
possible lifting forces, there is no reason why the reported craft could  
not support a gross weight of the order of a quarter of a million pounds  
at a landing speed of 15 mph. The further possibility that an extensible rotor  
exceeded within the fuselage, could have been used, would provide an  
aid for landing and takeoff that would allow wingless flight at very low  
speeds. A design could result in a relatively long duration of flight  
and maneuvering wings.

13. While no stabilizing fins were apparent on the "T" shaped fuselage  
reported by Hitler and 5 miles, it is probable that vanes within the jet  
operated by a gyroscopic system could have provided static stability,  
longitudinally, directionally and laterally. The same vanes could also  
have been used for accelerating static balance or trim, as well as control  
for maneuvering. A square tailed body of the type reported with the center  
of gravity sufficiently far forward could develop, approximately, a neutral



...ility and the possibility exists that definite static stability could  
be produced by a judicious use of flow-control slots located somewhere  
in the fuselage.

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Robert R. Smalzer  
C. A. USAF  
Project Officer





CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date Jan 1954 Incident # 1
2. Time 1:00 AM
3. Location Highway 100
4. Name of observer 1st Lt. Dominick J. Casper, USAF
5. Occupation of observer (Vad) Pilot
6. Service of observer 1st Lt. Dominick J. Casper, USAF
7. Place of observation Highway 100, near ...
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer ... + ...
10. Time in sight ... - ...
11. Altitude ... + ...
12. Speed ... MPH
13. Direction of flight ... NE
  - Path ... + ...
14. Sound ... + ...
15. Size ... ft
16. Color ... + ...
- Shape ... + ...
17. Color detected N/A
18. Apparent construction N/A
19. Exhaust trails ... + ...
20. Other conditions ... + ...
21. Effect on clouds ... + ...
22. Sketches or photographs ... + ...
23. Nature of disappearance N/S
24. Remarks: The object was seen ...  
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72ND BN SQUADRON (VLR) PHOTOGRAPHIC  
Office of the Intelligence Officer  
APO 731, c/o Postmaster  
Seattle, Washington

LRCS

SUBJECT: Report of Information on "Flying Discs"

TO : Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright - Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

ATTN : RUDEN

1. At approximately 1205 AST 9 July 1946, 1st Lt's Jaminick J. Carr and Thomas P. Carpenter, both of the 72nd Bn Squadron (VLR) photo, sighted a group of unidentified objects while fishing at Fielding Lake (6° 11' - 14° 30'W).

2. The weather at the time of the sighting was described as bright and sunny with unlimited visibility and no more than 5/10 strato-cumulus cloud coverage.

3. The objects resembled a group of dots, grayish black in color and numbering about 20. They were plainly visible, and were either spheroid or disc shaped. They appeared to be jockeying back and forth in the group formation, which gave the overall impression of a shotgun blast pattern.

4. The objects were estimated to be at 5,000 feet or more above the terrain, and were thought to be moving at a speed in excess of 500 M.P.H. (This figure was reached in view of the fact that the objects were out of sight in five seconds or less. The group seemed to be immediately below the clouds. Direction of flight was from SW to NE, and the objects were definitely flying a straight course.

5. Just before the objects were sighted, a loud roaring sound was heard, and was attributed to a strong wind blowing through the surrounding woods. However, as the objects approached and passed, the sound sharpened into a buzz much like that made by a group of jet aircraft. No exhaust trails were visible.

6. Photographs of the objects were not available. The following

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Ltr. Hq., 72nd Res Sq (VIP) Photo. Sub: "Report of Information on Flying Discs", dated 12 July 1948 (Cont'd):

■ a sketch of the overall conformation of the group. "O" indicate individual objects, arrow indicates direction of flight:



GAL H K. WINDMILLER  
Captain, USAF  
Intelligence Officer

LFDAS 350

1st Ind

14 July 1948

HEADQUARTERS 11th AF COMPOSITE BSG, Ladd Air Force Base, APO 731, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Washington

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright - Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: T-5118

MORAN L. BURE  
Major, USAF  
Staff Intelligence Officer

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Incident # 246



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **17 July 1946** Incident # 146
2. Time **1650**
3. Location **Vicinity of San Anacia Dam, 65 miles south of Albuquerque**
4. Name of observers **N/Sgt Wm R. Carter & N/Sgt Bernard S. Harvey**
5. Occupation of observers **N/Sgt Carter: Armament technician  
Harvey: experienced AF non-com**
6. Address of observer **439th AFHQ Kirtland AF Base**
7. Place of observation **Vicinity of San Anacia Dam**
8. Number of objects **7**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **20,000 ft**
12. Speed **1,500 MPH (if estimated altitude correct)**
13. Direction of flight **Northerly heading (between north and northeast)**
14. Tactics **Maintained formation**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **Color of aluminum aircraft at high altitude**
18. Shape **When overhead: circular. After passing south: indeterminate**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **metallic**
21. Exhaust trails **none**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU At 20,000 ft wind velocity 5 to 10 miles**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S In northwest**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

About 65 miles south of Albuquerque 7 unidentified objects flying in a northerly heading were observed. Objects initially in V formation at an estimated altitude of 20,000 ft above earth. Formation varied from "V" to "L" to "C" and then grouped in an irregular formation and a regular pulsating flashing light was observed from them after they had passed 30° beyond zenith. The shape was difficult to ascertain, when directly overhead they were circular and resembled a cluster of balloons traveling at a great rate of speed. The color was that of aluminum at high altitude (or white painted aircraft). If the altitude estimation is correct the speed could be estimated as 1900 MPH. There was no vapor, smoke or other trail visible. They did not appear spherical when viewed at oblique angle. Disappeared on heading between north and northwest.

**AGENTS NOTES:** Sgt Carter is a sober industrious, level headed individual, an competent technician of outstanding ability. Definitely not the type to experience hallucinations. Info received in other instances from this individual in such instances proven accurate.

Sgt Harvey is an experienced AF non-com accustomed to the sight of aircraft at various altitudes and speeds.

**QUALIFICATION OF INFORMANTS:**   
**RELIABILITY OF INFORMATION:** 3.



## AGENT REPORT

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF MESSAGE

Unidentified objects in flight

1 JULY 1948

1. NUMBER, SYMBOL, OR PREFIX

SUMMARY OF FACTS

On 27 July 1948 M/Sgt. William E. Carter, AF 699673, and M/Sgt. Edward E. Harvey, AF 699673, taken AFHQ, Kirtland Air Force Base, made substantially the following statement to this agent:

On Saturday, 27 July 1948 at 1830 hours, while on a fishing trip in the vicinity of the San Antonio Inn, their party consisting of the two (2) informants and their wives and children, were parked for lunch some five (5) miles south of the inn. M/Sgt. Carter and Harvey were alone; the rest of the party were down at the camp area. Sgt. Carter was taking a nap and Sgt. Harvey was just loafing around the camp area. Sgt. Harvey happened to look up and saw seven (7) unidentified objects approaching from the north in a V formation. While he watched, the objects slid off into an L formation. Sgt. Harvey's first impression was that the objects were some type of anti-wood jet fighters and the type unknown to him. Sgt. Harvey contacted Sgt. Carter and pointed out the objects to him. The objects then moved into a circular formation after which they started circling around retaining no regular formation. They were continuing on a northerly heading. At about thirty (30) degrees past the north, the objects were grouped in an irregular formation on a regular pathing, flashing light was observed from the objects. No vapor, smoke or other trail was visible.

Weather conditions at the time of observation were clear. The altitude of the objects was estimated by both informants to be approximately twenty thousand (20,000) feet. If this altitude estimate is correct the estimated speed of the objects was approximately fifteen hundred (1,500) miles per hour based on the rate of angular movement. While the objects were overhead they appeared circular, however, when viewed before and after passing the zenith the shape was indeterminate but not circular. The color of the objects was indistinct but appeared to be that of an aluminum aircraft at high altitude. While overhead the objects resembled a cluster of balloons traveling at a high rate of speed but when viewed on the oblique they did not present the appearance of a sphere.

The two (2) informants had last had a drink of alcoholic contents at breakfast time of 27 July 1948. More than they had fished for approximately six (6) hours, had eaten and loafed around.

The portion of the party which was fishing at the time did not observe the objects.

AGENT'S NOTE: This agent is personally acquainted with Sgt. Carter and has a working acquaintance with Sgt. Harvey. Sgt. Carter is a sober, industrious, level headed individual, an excellent technician of outstanding ability. He is definitely not the type of person who would be expected to be visited by hallucinations. Sgt. Harvey is an experienced Air Force man who is accustomed to the sight of aircraft at various altitudes and speeds. This agent has no reason to doubt Sgt.


1. NAME, GRADE AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

Jack L. King  
SA 730-2 628 (1948)

2. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Jack L. King

## INCIDENT HISTORY

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT <b>Unidentified Objects in Flight</b>	2. DATE DICTATED <b>23 July 1946</b> 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.
4. REPORT OF FINDINGS <p>Survey's statement. Information has been received in other instances from Sgt. Carter and <del>in some</del> instances was entirely accurate. The evaluation assigned to the information on this report is given on the basis of the character of the information and previous experience with information received from Sgt. Carter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(A-3)</p> <p>On 23 July 1946 this agent requested a check of wind data for the date and location concerned in this incident. The following information was obtained from 1st Lt. Lloyd B. Smith, A0990839, Weather Officer: From ground level to ten thousand (10,000) feet wind was hundred ninety (190) degrees at ten (10) miles per hour. From ten (10) to sixteen thousand (16,000) feet the wind shifted gradually from one hundred ninety (190) degrees at ten (10) miles per hour to one hundred twenty (120) degrees at five (5) to eight (8) miles per hour. Sixteen (16) to twenty thousand (20,000) feet the wind shifted from one hundred twenty (120) degrees at five (5) to eight (8) miles per hour to two hundred ninety (290) degrees at ten (10) miles per hour.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(A-4)</p> <p>The San Atoia Dam area is located some sixty five (65) miles south of Albuquerque, New Mexico on the Rio Grande River.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(A-1)</p>	
5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT <b>Jack L. Polking</b> <b>S/A 700-7 GIB Det. (CAMP)</b>	6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT 

PRIORITY

23 July 1948

Chief of Staff  
United States Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: AFOCI

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Maj. USAF  
Chf, Investigation Sec  
Operational Intel Div  
6-2313

MARSHALL C. KENNIFIELD  
Lt Col, USAF  
Chf, Operational Intel Div  
Intelligence Department

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Incident # 147

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **27 July 48** Incident # 147
2. Time **2200**
3. Location **Springfield, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. E. E. Gibson**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **1217 East Main St.**
7. Place of observation **Springfield, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **3 seconds**
11. Altitude **Great height**
12. Speed **Faster than a jet plane**
13. Direction of flight **north**
14. Tactics **None - traveled in straight line**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **Witness stated object resembled "huge ball"**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **Round**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **Bright red trail of fire**
22. Weather conditions **Some thunder and lightning**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Flew out of sight**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On night of 27 July 48, at 2200 hours observer saw object which resembled a huge ball in the sky. It came from the south and was headed north traveling at speed of jet planes which often fly over observer's house. Object trailed a bright red tail of fire and traveled in a straight line. There was some lightning and thunder at the time, but even observer thought the object something entirely foreign. No noise could be heard. Object only seen for three seconds.

Agents note: Mrs. Gibson is the wife of a local carpenter, and is highly respected. Not inclined to exaggerate or brag, according to neighbors.

On July 13, 1954, W. N. Gibson, the wife of L. L. Gibson, 117 East Oak Street,  
Chicago, Illinois, advised that she had been advised by her husband that she  
had been stated in substance:

On July 13, 1954, at 2:00 hours, I was advised that the  
subject of this report had been taken to the airport in  
Chicago, Illinois, to see the operation of jet air liner  
service. The subject of this report had been advised that  
the jet air liner service was being operated by the  
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had been stated in substance:

**AGENT REPORT**

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

TYPES OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

2. DATE SUBMITTED

23 July 1948

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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4. REPORT OF WITNESS

On 18 July 1948, Mrs. N. M. Gibson, housewife, 1217 East Main Street, Ringfield, Mo., was interviewed concerning a strange object which she saw in the sky, and stated in substance:

On the night of 22 July 1948, at 2200 hours, I saw an object in the sky which resembled a large ball. This object came from the south, and was heading north, and travelled at about the speed of jet airplanes which fly over here often. The object trailed a bright red tail of fire and travelled in a straight line. There was some lightning and thunder at the time, but I am sure that this object was something entirely foreign. I could hear no noises which were strange, probably because of the great height of the object. I could see the object for a period of about three seconds before it flew out of sight. I do not know of anyone else in the neighborhood who saw the object. I have never seen anything like this object before, and I have no idea what it is.

Agent's Note: Mrs. Gibson is the wife of a local carpenter, and is highly respected. She is not inclined to exaggerate or brag, according to neighbors.

5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

ERNE A. MURPHY  
109th CIB Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

*[Signature]* /Ernie A. Murphy

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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REMARKS				
<p>A the height of the storm's          blowing, a pilot in a bi-          plane, apparently had no first          sight of the "dark" "phantom"          which has been reported          in the area south and in west          of St. Gibson of 1217 E. Main st          and that he and his wife from          his yard had seen an aerial          object with a "ball of fire" at both          ends, back and about 15 feet          long by 4 or 5 feet in diameter          and on a horizon at its light          appeared in four seconds.          It could not be seen the it by          the eye with a ball of fire at          front of it right and it          was certainly wasn't light.          It was a very noisy, but my          wife and I declared.          It was with saw it. He added          it had never seen a "flying          saucer" and never believed in          it.</p>				
NAME OR TITLE		DATE		
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE 6-4135		

Clipping from  
Springfield Morning  
Sun - 26 July 48

(Springfield, Ohio)

## "Phantom Rocket" Seen In Storm

The first sighting of a "Phantom Rocket" was reported by a pilot flying over the Gulf of Mexico on Sept. 15, 1954. The pilot, who was flying over the Gulf of Mexico, reported that he saw a "Phantom Rocket" flying over the Gulf of Mexico.

The "Phantom Rocket" was described as a small, fast-moving object that was seen in the sky. It was reported to be a "Phantom Rocket" and was seen in the sky.

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Incident # 247

Incident # 118

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 146

1. Date **28 July 48**
2. Time **0400**
3. Location **Springfield, Ohio**
  1. Name of observer **Mrs. Rose Henry**
  2. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
  3. Address of observer **526 Dibert Ave., Springfield, Ohio**
  4. Place of observation **526 Dibert Ave., Springfield, Ohio**
  5. Number of objects **1**
  6. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
4. Time in sight **1st time: 5 minutes. 2d time: 15 minutes**
5. Altitude **N/S**
6. Speed **Remained nearly stationary**
7. Direction of flight **N/S**
  1. Tactics **Hovering**
8. Sound **Witness thought she heard sound of plane before she saw the object**
9. Size **About the size of a basketball**
10. Color **Intense yellow**
11. Shape **Round**
12. Color detected **N/S**
13. Apparent construction **N/S**
14. Exhaust trails **N/S**
15. Weather conditions **N/S**
16. Effect on clouds **N/S**
17. Sketches or photographs **None**
18. Manner of disappearance **Just away**
19. Remarks: **(over)**

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On morning of 28 July (about 0400) Mrs Rose Henry happened to look out of her bedroom window toward the northeast and saw an object the size of a basketball which gave off an intense yellow light. It remained for some 5 minutes and appeared to fade away. ~~Summit~~ In a moment it reappeared and was visible for some fifteen minutes, then faded away completely. It made no noise. Sound like that of a plane heard before the object was seen. No witnesses.

Agent's Note: Mrs. Henry is a colored woman about 50 yrs of age and is a respected member of the community. She ~~is a member of the church and~~ and sure of her statements during the interview.

July 13, 1954, Mrs. Rose Henry, housewife, 6110 West Avenue,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, advised she saw a strange object which  
was in the air substance:

On July 13, 1954, I was sitting in my room  
at the time I saw the object. It was a dark  
object, about the size of a black ball,  
and it was moving in a circular pattern.  
I saw it for about 10 seconds before it  
disappeared. I heard a faint sound  
before I saw it. I did not see anything  
else. I did not see any other objects  
in the air.

and I did not see anything else.

**AGENT REPORT**

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF MEMORY

2. DATE SUBMITTED

30 July 1948

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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**UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT**

4. REPORT OF PROGRESS

On 23 July 1948, Ms. Rose Mary, housewife, 226 D'Arbort Avenue, Springfield, Mo., was interviewed regarding a strange object which she had seen in the sky on 22 July in substance:

The morning (22 July) I happened to look out of my bedroom window towards northeast and saw an object the size of a basketball which gave off an intense yellow light. I first saw the object at 0420 and it remained until 0430 when it seemed to fade away. I saw the object reappear in a moment and it stayed for about fifteen minutes. The object made no noise, and moved only a little before it faded away completely. I am not certain, but I think that I heard an airplane before I first saw the object. I have no idea what this object was, and have never seen anything like it. None of the neighbors saw the object to my knowledge.

Agent's note: Ms. Mary is a colored woman about 50 years of age, and a respected member of the community. She appeared to be well educated, and was sure of her statements during the interview.

5. DIVISION NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

10668 CIC Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

/s/ Maria A. Murphy

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Incident # 149



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **19 Jan 48** Incident # **109**
2. Time **7:30 AM**
3. Location **North Jutland (Rjerrin, the Sæw and Rjorup)**
4. Name of observer **N/S**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S** ) Taken from OMA E-34-48 (EAD 11/96)  
as prepared by Lt Col Franklin E.  
Tomlinson
6. Address of observer **N/S**
7. Place of observation **North Jutland**
8. Number of objects **XXX Three**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/A**
12. Speed **apparently rocket-like**
13. Direction of flight **XXX East - West**
14. Maneuvers **"suddenly stopped, exploded and disappeared"**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/A**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **ball - unclear**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **rocket-like objects**
21. Exhaust trails **tail of green light**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Exploded and disappeared**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Various parts of North Jutland have reported that on 19 Jan 45 at 7:30 AM the unknown so-called flying saucers were observed. The phenomenon has been observed in Hjerring, the Søer and Ejrup. The objects were surrounded by a bluish light and had tail of green light, moving east west. One observer thought they looked like three balls. Several observers in the Søer say they were rocket-like objects which suddenly stopped, exploded and disappeared.

N/A CD-N Wt: Impossible to get any verification of this from Danish officials or Danish War Ministry.

Incident # 119

Incident # 190

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 150

1. Date **Approx 1 Mar 48**
2. Time **0930 hours**
3. Location **Swedish Coast**
  - Name of observer **N/S - a Norwegian pilot**
4. Occupation of observer **OSL pilot**
5. Address of observer **N/S** **Material taken from MA B-170-48**
6. Place of observation **Air - enroute from Aalborg, Denmark to**  
**NAD 20560**  
**Oslø, Norway**
7. Number of objects **1**
8. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
9. Time in sight **4 seconds**
10. Altitude **20,000 ft**
11. Speed **N/S**
12. Direction of flight **Southeast - passing along Swedish Coast**  
**and disappearing over Norway**
  - Route **N/S - flight path followed earth's surface**
13. Sound **N/S**
14. Size **N/S**
15. Color **N/S but emitted a bluish-green flame**
16. Shape **N/S**
17. Odor detected **N/S**
18. Apparent construction **N/S**
19. Exhaust trails **None**
20. Weather conditions **N/S**
21. Eff at on clouds **N/S**
22. Sketches or photographs **None**
23. Manner of disappearance **Over Norway**
24. Remarks: **(over)**

An O-2 plane enroute from Aalborg, Denmark, to Oslo, Norway, sighted a projectile coming from the south east, passing along the Swedish Coast and disappearing over Norway. The missile was at 20,000 ft and disappeared over the horizon in four seconds. It emitted a bluish-green flame but left no trail in the sky. The projectile seemed to skim follow the earth's surface.

Similar missiles have been observed at Alesund, Norway & Vind, Norway. In this connection, it is of interest to know that heavy water is currently being produced in Norway.

Observers: A Norwegian pilot and his co-pilot.  
The pilot served with the Royal Norwegian AF in Great Britain.

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Incident # 251



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **29 July 1948** Incident # **151**
2. Time **0955**
3. Location **Northeastern part of Indianapolis, Indiana (See attached sketch of location)**
4. Name of observer **Mr. James A. Toney & Mr. Robert Higgins**
5. Occupation of observer **Skunk** **Both employees of W. O. Jones Bag Cleaners**
6. Address of observer **Toney: 235 W Bradley, Indianapolis**
7. Place of observation **Higgins: 5040 Indianapolis, Indianapolis**  
(See attached drawing of location)
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S - not over a few hundred feet**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **30 feet - just above tree-tops**
12. Speed **25 to 30 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **He dived south in bank to left**
14. Tactics **gliding with no apparent spinning action**
15. Sound **no discernible sound**
16. Size **6 to 8 feet long by 1-1/2 to 2 feet wide (See attached drawing.)**
17. Color **Aluminum and shiny in color**
18. Shape **Shaped like a broad short propeller (See attached drawing.)**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **Aluminum construction**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **CAS - no clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **No clouds**
24. Sketches or photographs **2**
25. Manner of disappearance **Went down in wooded area (seemingly)**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Object was shaped like a broad stout propeller approximately 6 to 8 ft. each blade approximately 2 feet wide and approximately one foot thick with cups on upper side of blades. It appeared aluminum and shiny in color. Traveled approximately 25 to 30 MPH. It was sighted just above the trees at a proximately a 30 ft altitude in bank to the left of up road 20° and appeared in a slight descent. There was no discernible sound and no exhaust trail.

NOTE: Truck had just started across bridge (see drag) when object was sighted directly ahead above the trees. Witnesses stopped on the other side of the cantilever bridge but could not relocate object.

Search by Lt John E. Hocking, Base PIO, and Lt Russell J. Carey, Jr. Base Intel Off. (331st AFBW) Base Troop Fld. did not produce any result. However the area in which it was believed to have fallen is densely wooded with many hills and valleys. See diagram attached.

HEADQUARTERS  
331ST AIR FORCE BASE UNIT (RES TNO)  
STRUT FIELD, INDIANAPOLIS 6, INDIANA

AF95181

3 August 1948

SUBJECT: Report on "Flying Disc"

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: T800H

In accordance with ADC Letter 45-5 Subject: Reporting of information on "Flying Discs", dtd 25 March 1948, the following report is hereby submitted:

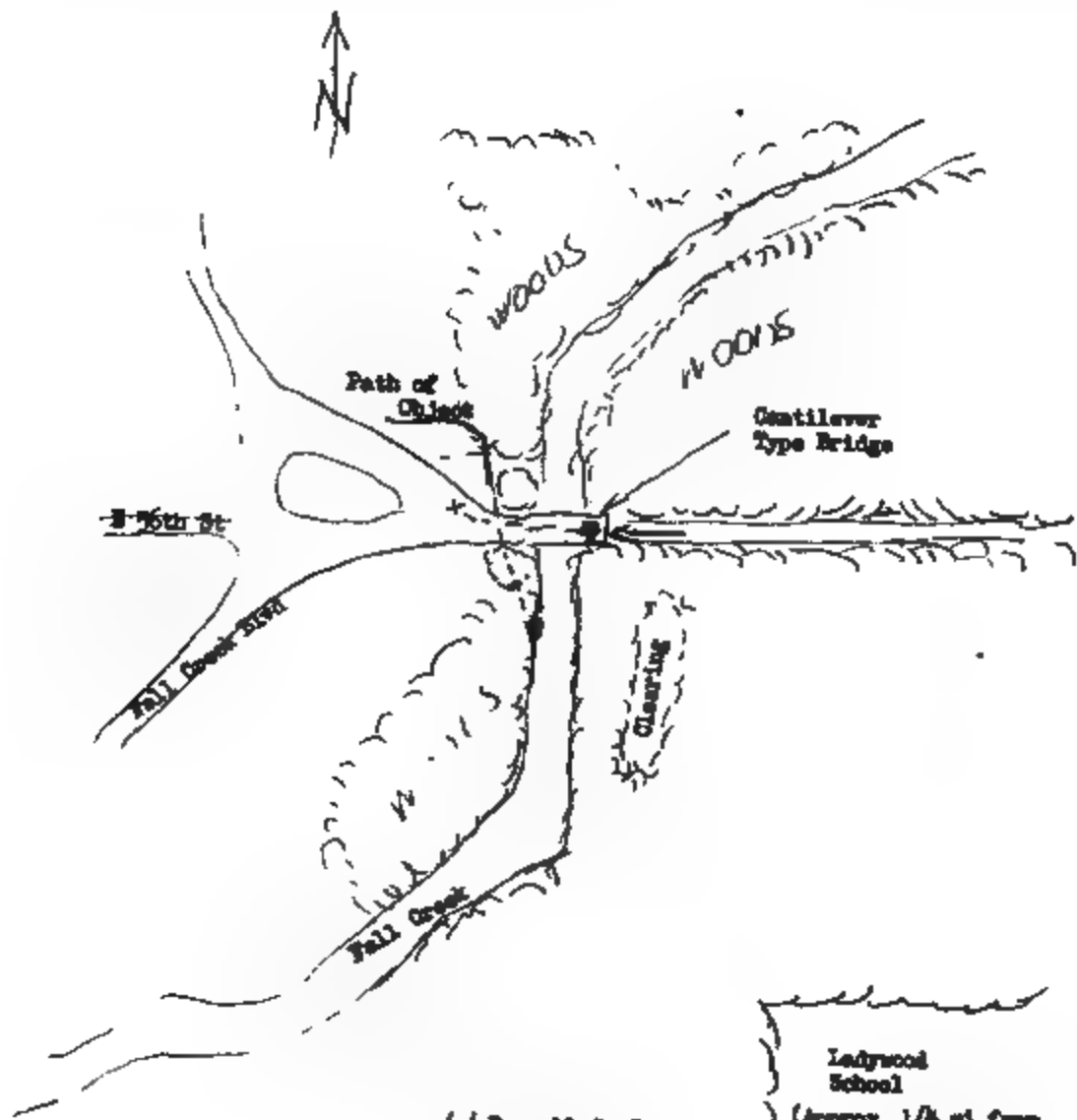
- (1) Sighted at approximately 0955 hours on 29 July 1948 at the bridge East of the intersection of East 56th St and Fall Creek Boulevard in the Northeastern part of Indianapolis, Indiana.
- (2) Weather at time of sighting was excellent, no clouds in sky.
- (3) Witnessed by Mr. James W. Toney 235 So. Bradley, Indianapolis and Mr. Robert Huggins 5040 Indiana, Indianapolis, both employed by the W.O. James Bug Cleaners, 1440 N. Keystone Ave, Indianapolis.
- (4) No photographs available.
- (5) Sketch of object attached.
- (6) Object sighted:
  - (a) One (1)
  - (b) Shaped like a broad short propeller.
  - (c) Approximately six (6) to eight (8) feet long, each blade approximately two (2) feet wide and approximately one (1) foot thick with cups on upper side of blades.
  - (d) Appeared to be aluminum and shiny in color.
  - (e) Traveling approximately twenty-five (25) or thirty (30) mph.
  - (f) Headed approximately South and in a bank to the left.
  - (g) Sighted just above the trees at approximately thirty (30) feet altitude.
  - (h) Appeared to be gliding with no apparent spinning action.
  - (i) Made no discernible sound.
  - (j) No exhaust trail
- (7) Two witnesses were in a company truck at time of sighting

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subje Report on "Flying Disc".

and were headed West on East 56th Street. Just as the truck started across the bridge, the object was sighted directly ahead just above the trees in a bank to the left of approximately twenty degrees (20°) and appeared to be in a slight descent. Witnesses stopped on the other side of the bridge and jumped out for another look but the object could not be seen. Lt. John E. Hoazing, Base PIO and Lt. Russell J. Carey Jr. Base Intelligence Officer made an investigation and thoroughly searched the area but could not find the object, however the area in which the object was believed to have fallen was densely wooded and had very hills and valleys. See diagram attached of the area of sighting.

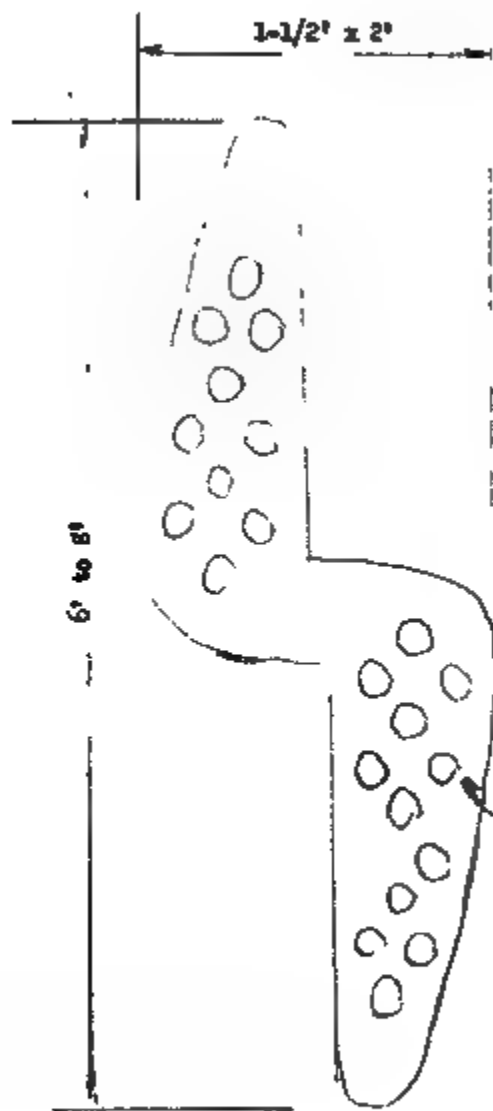
JAMES A. MONIE  
Colonel USAF  
Commanding

2 Incls  
Incl 1 - Diagram of  
Object Sighted  
Incl 2 - Map of area  
of sighting



/s/ Russell J. Carey Jr.  
1st Lt., USAF  
Intel Officer

Ledwood  
School  
(Approx. 1/4 mi from  
sighting)



/s/ Russell J. Carney, Jr.  
1st Lt., USAF  
Intel Officer

These are found cups which protrude

Incident # 151

Incident # 192



CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **31 July 48** Incident # **152**
2. Time **0825**
3. Location **Indianapolis, Indiana (South-Central part)**
4. Name of observer: **Mr. & Mrs Vernon Helgert**
5. Occupation of observer: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ **an electrician and housewife**
6. Address of observer: **2020 Boyd St., Indianapolis, Indiana**
7. Place of observation **As above -**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **10 seconds**
11. Altitude **2,000 ft**
12. Speed **1800 MPH**
13. Direction of-flight **90° - east**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ **20 ft in dia. and approx 6 to 8 ft in height  
in center - Ratio about 3:1**
17. Color **white with no shine**
18. Shape **like a cylinder**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **Sky clear**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **1**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Object first perceived in the west. The object was shaped like a cylinder with smooth surfaces and approximately 20 feet in diameter at the base and approximately 6 to 8 feet in height in the center. Ratio was about 3:1. It ~~was~~ to be flat white in color with no shine. It traveled extremely fast across the sky in approximately 10 seconds (a distance of about 5 miles) on a 90° heading. It maintained a level course and shimmered in the sun giving the appearance of spinning. The altitude was estimated at approximately 2,000 ft. Object made no discernible sound and left no exhaust trail. No openings were noted on the object.

NOTE: Mr. Seigert was standing by open bathroom window which faces the west when he was attracted by the object in the sky. Couldn't believe his eyes. He rushed into adjoining kitchen and showed his wife the object thru the kitchen window facing south. He thought stated the object appeared large enough to carry one person.

NO BY Investigation conducted by Intel Officer, 1st Lt Russell J. Carey, Jr., on a call from Mr. Seigert. It was noted that visibility was good from both windows for such observation.

No other reports received on this object.

HEADQUARTERS  
331ST AIR FORCE HEAD QUARTERS (HQ AF 331)  
STOUT FIELD, INDIANAPOLIS 6, INDIANA

AF33182

3 August 1948

SUBJECT: Report on "Flying Disc"

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTN: TADEN

In accordance with ADC Letter 45-5, subject: Reporting of information on "Flying Discs", dtd 25 March 1948, the following report is hereby submitted:

- (1) Sighted at approximately 0025 hours on 31 July 1948 in the South central part of the city of Indianapolis, Ind.
- (2) Sky was clear at time of sighting.
- (3) Witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Swigert, 2020 Boyd St., Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Swigert is an electrician.
- (4) No photographs available.
- (5) Sketch of object attached.
- (6) Object sighted:
  - (a) One (1)
  - (b) Shaped like a symbol with smooth surfaces.
  - (c) Approximately twenty (20) feet in diameter at the base and approximately six (6) feet to eight (8) ft in height at center. Ratio about 3:1.
  - (d) Appeared to be flat white in color with no shine.
  - (e) Traveling extremely fast, crossing the sky (a distance of about five (5) miles) in approximately ten (10) seconds.
  - (f) Heading sixty degrees (90°).
  - (g) Object maintained a level course and shimmered in the sun giving the appearance of spinning.
  - (h) Altitude of the object estimated at approximately two thousand (2000) feet.
    - (1) Made no discernible sound.
    - (2) No exhaust trail.
- (7) Mr. Swigert was standing by open bathroom window, which faces West, and was shaving when attracted by the object in the sky. Couldn't believe his own eyes so he rushed into adjoining kitchen and showed wife the object through kitchen window facing South. Mr. Swigert stated the object appeared large enough to carry one person. No openings were noted on the object. Investigation conducted by the

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subj: Report on "Flying Disc".

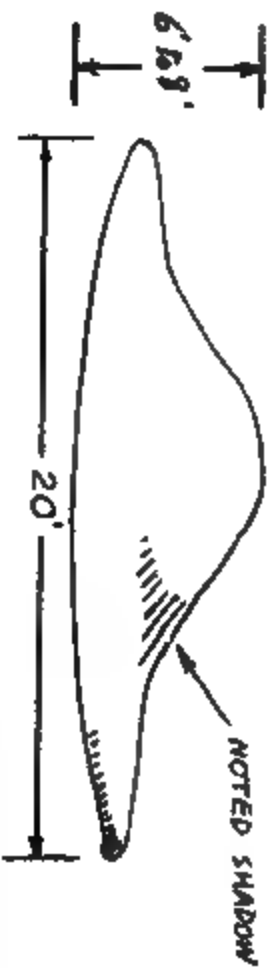
Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. Russell J. Grey Jr. on a  
call from Mr. Suigart. On the investigation, it was noted  
that the visibility was good from both windows for such an  
observation. No other reports were received on this object.

1 Incl - Diagram of  
Object Sighted

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(Ratio approx. 3:1)

*Franklin J. Camp*  
 ENGINEER & SURVEYOR  
 205 16th, S.W.  
 Tallahassee, Florida

Incident # 152

Incidents # 133

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date ~~26 October~~ 5 August 48 Incident # 153
2. Time 0100 hours
3. Location Between Farrott, Ga. and Richland, Ga.
4. Name of observer James Amral, Former AF Pilot
5. Occupation of observer N/S - but formerly AF pilot
6. Address of observer N/S (Info forwarded 2/Turner AF Base)
7. Place of observation Between Farrott, Ga. & Richland, Ga.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight 5 to 10 seconds
11. Altitude 20,000 to 35,000 ft
12. Speed ~~3000~~ 3600 MPH (estimated)
13. Direction of flight 250°
14. Tactics N/S
15. Sound None
16. Size N/S
17. Color Blue-white streak of light
18. Shape "streak"
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction "rocket-like"
21. Exhaust trails A trail of sparks several miles long followed it
22. Weather conditions GAWU
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance N/S
26. Remarks: (over)



Witness was traveling between Perrott, Ga., and Richmond, Ga., in an airplane when he observed a brilliant blue-white streak of light which lasted from 5 to 10 seconds, traveling in an apparent level flight on a heading of approximately 270°, at about 30,000 ft altitude (estimated). After the light disappeared a trail of sparks was observed which appeared several miles long. This trail lasted from 45 seconds to (1) minute.

NOTE: Mr. Aural did not believe this to be any celestial but based on his experience as a pilot in the AF, he stated it appeared to be a burst of power applied to a rocket or rocket ship.

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HEADQUARTERS 51ST FIGHTER WING  
OFFICE OF THE A-3  
Turner Air Force Base, Albany, Georgia

000.02

11 August 1948

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Flying Discs

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Attention: NOI

In compliance with Letter, HQ TAC, Subject: same as above, file TAC 000.02, dated 16 February 1948, and amendment thereto dated 1 March 1948, the following report is submitted.

- a. Between Parrott, Ga. and Richland, Ga.,  
5 August 1948 at 0100 hours.
- b. Clear, CAVU
- c. James Amaral, Former Air Force Pilot, Albany,  
Georgia.
- d. None available.
- e. Only exhaust visible.
- f. Object sighted

- |                          |                                     |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (1) One                  | (6) Between 225 deg<br>and 270 deg. |
| (2) Unknown              | (7) Unknown                         |
| (3) Unknown              | (8) 20000 to 25000 ft.              |
| (4) Unknown              | (9) None heard                      |
| (5) 3000 MPH (estimated) | (10) Yes                            |

g. Witness was traveling between Parrott, Ga. and Richland, Ga. in an automobile when he observed a brilliant blue-white streak of light which lasted from 5 to 10 seconds, traveling in an apparent level flight on a heading of

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Reporting of Information on Flying Discs, dtd 11 Aug 48.

approximately 250 degrees, at about 20000 ft altitude (estimated). After the light disappeared a trail of sparks was observed which appeared several miles long. This trail lasted from 45 seconds to one (1) minute.

Mr. Amaral was questioned as to the possibility of his observations being a meteor or some other Celestial phenomena and he stated that he had observed many Meteors and falling stars but never anything resembling this. He stated that it appeared to be a burst of power applied to a rocket or rocket ship. Mr. Amaral based his estimates of speed and altitude on his past experience as a Pilot in the Air Force.

WILLIAM P. CONISKEY  
Captain, USAF  
Wing A-8

Information cys to:

Hq TAG ( 2 cys)

Hq Ninth Air Force (1 cy)

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Incident # 103

Incident # 199

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **2 Aug 48** Incident # 154
2. Time **1945 hours**
3. Location **Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Charles Saunders**
5. Occupation of observer **Attorney**
6. Address of observer **265-1/2 South High St**
7. Place of observation **Yard of 1337 Clifton Ave., Columbus, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **10-15 minutes**
11. Altitude **1,500 to 2000 ft**
12. Speed **15 M H**
13. Direction of flight **Moving south from the north**
14. Tactics **Constant slow speed - Once it hesitated & then trail of smoke issued from opposite direction of travel. Changed position assuming different shapes**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **Judged to be about 20 to 30 ft in diameter**
17. Color **N/S. Perimeter: constant grey-black. Center: transparent.**
18. Shape **Changing. First: side-view: Parallelogram. Second: <sup>circular</sup> then reverted to original form**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **thin trail of smoke**
22. Weather conditions **CAVU**
23. Effect on clouds **No clouds**
24. Sketches or photographs **4 sketches**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

On 2 Aug 48 at approx 1945 a round object which appeared to be about 20 to 30 ft in diameter was observed moving in southerly direction from the north over center of Columbus. Had constant gray-black perimeter with a transparent center. The blue sky could be observed through this gray-black perimeter while it moved at a constant, slow speed of about 15 M.P.H. It made no noise of any kind. Once it hesitated in its movement and a thin trail of smoke issued from the opposite direction of travel. The smoke soon disappared and was not seen again during the 10 to 15 minutes object was visible to the observer. The object changed position - but not direction of travel - three times. When first [redacted], it evidently presented a side view which was a parallelogram in shape. (See). Slowly its position altered and it became circular in form, only [redacted] revert after a time to its original form. The altitude was judged to [redacted] was 1500 to 2000 ft above ground.

Agent's Note: Sketchers drew the following sketches

Fourth

Third

Second

First

The above drawings constitute four positions of one phase. The object passed thru three of these phases during the 15 minute period.

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 48** Incident # **170**
2. Time **7:50 P. M.**
3. Location **Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Jaynes Sanders, A. S., M. A.**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **1337 Clifton Ave, Columbus, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Columbus, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **15 minutes**
11. Altitude **N/S** ~~1/2~~ **1/2 mile high**
12. Speed **slow and regular speed**
13. Direction of flight **from North to South to Southwest**
14. Tactics / **Changing to circular to oblong change in shape**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **of small plane**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **Changing but circular for the most part**
19. Color detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **tail of smoke**
22. Weather conditions **Usually favorable for observation. Light sufficient  
at least 1000 ft from sun's rays.**
23. Effect on clouds **Cloudless**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**



On 2 Aug 48, at 7:50 P. M. Mrs. Sanders observed an unusual object in the sky. Her attention was directed toward it because some neighborhood children were looking toward the north. She called her husband, Charles Sanders, (Inc 154) to witness the phenomenon. The sky was cloudless and the light was then sufficient, without interference from the rays of the sun which were hidden by the buildings of the city.

Object first appeared oblong in shape and was traveling from north to south at a slow, regular speed. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXX~~ at a height of a half mile. During the 15 minutes under observation the object traveled approx 7-1/2 miles. Although it did not change its course, it presented different appearances from time to time. From oblong to circular then to oblong. Object went thru this change three different times until observer lost sight of it. However, for the most part it presented a circular appearance. Outline very dark in contrast with the transparency of the center. Only when the object appeared circular was observer aware of the center being a void. Once as it hesitated momentarily, observer noticed a tail of smoke emanating from the rear, after which the object continued in a southerly direction. This tail of smoke was observed but once. The size appeared to be that of a small plane. It made no sound at the time observer thought she detected one. At approx 8:00 P. M. observer lost sight of the object just as it appeared to be changing direction from South to Southwest.

16 August 1948

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional aircraft

TO: Major General G-2  
 Headquarters Second Army  
 Fort Monmouth, New Jersey

FROM: Director of Intelligence  
 General Staff  
 Department of the Army  
 Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters, File 20070  
 52.1, subject Unconventional aircraft, dated 2 March 1948, and  
 your control under 1917.

2. In compliance with paragraph 2, above mentioned letter,  
 inclosed herewith are two agent reports concerning the sighting of  
 Unconventional aircraft.

3. A copy of attached report has been furnished the Commanding  
 General, Air Materiel Command, 118 Patterson Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

1 Incl  
 Sgt Robert E. Saunders

W. F. B. B. B. B.  
 Captain, Infantry  
 District Intelligence Officer

cc:  
 SAC, Wright Field

## WITNESS REPORT

NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT

SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED MIL. AIRCRAFT

DATE OF REPORT

26 August 1948

A. NUMBER, OFFICE OR FILE NO.

A-1917

A. SUMMARY OF FACTS

(2) On 30 August 1948, James Saunders, A.B., H.A., housewife, 1377 Clifton Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed and stated in substance:

On 2 August 1948, at 7:30 p.m., I observed an unusual object in the sky. My attention was directed toward it because the children in the neighborhood had stopped playing and were looking toward the North. I called to my husband, Charles Saunders, immediately who came out of the apartment to look. The weather was unusually favorable for observation. The sky was cloudless, and the light was more than sufficient without interference from the rays of the sun which were hidden by the buildings of the City. I observed one object which at first was coming in from the North, traveling from North to South at a slow and regular speed. I observed this object at least fifteen minutes during which time it traveled approximately seven miles at a height of a half mile. Although its direction of travel did not change, the object presented different appearances from time to time. From oblong to circular, then to oblong. The object went through this change three different times until I lost sight of it. However, the object for the rest part, presented a circular appearance. The outline of the object was very dark in contrast with the transparency of the center. Only at the time I observed the circular shape was I aware of the center being a void. The object seemed to hesitate momentarily soon after I first noticed it. From the rear, I saw a tail of smoke, and the object continued in a southerly direction. I observed this tail of smoke but once. Taking into consideration the height and distance of the object from where I stood, I would estimate the object to be as large as a small airplane. It made no sound, although at one time I thought I detected one; however, I dismissed it from my mind as a part of traffic in another part of the city. At approximately 8:00 p.m. I lost sight of the object just as it appeared to be changing direction from South to Southwest.

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B. WITNESS NAME AND ORGANIZATION OR SPECIAL AGENT

GEORGE W. SANDERS  
LORAIN CIC Detachment

C. SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

/Signed/ George W. Sanders

## ALIEN REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT	2. DATE ELABORATED
SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT	16 August 1948
4. REPORT OF PHENOMENON	3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. 4-1917

(1) In 11 August 1948, Charles Sanders, attorney, 265 1/2 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed and stated in substance:

On 2 August 1948, at approximately 1945 hours, my wife called to me to come out into the yard at 1337 Clifton Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, in order to observe a strange sight in the sky. The atmosphere was clear, visibility excellent and the heavens were without cloud or haze. I saw a single object, round in shape, which appeared to be about twenty to thirty feet in diameter, and moving in a southerly direction from the North, over the center of the City of Columbus. The object had a constant gray-black perimeter while the center was transparent. The blue sky could be observed through the gray-black outline of the object, while it moved at a constant and slow speed. Once, I observed the object to hesitate in its movement, and a thin trail of smoke issue from opposite direction of travel. The smoke soon disappeared, and I did not observe it again during the ten or fifteen minutes I followed it with my eye. In its movement, the object changed positions, but not the direction of travel three times. Upon first seeing the object, evidently a side view was presented, which was a parallelogram in shape. Slowly its position altered and it became circular in form, only to revert, after a time, to its original form. The object may have traveled five or six miles and I lost sight of it. I cannot estimate the height at which the object traveled; however, I judge it to have been between fifteen hundred and two thousand feet above the ground. The object appeared to be traveling about fifteen miles an hour and made no noise of any kind. The evening was still and the neighborhood was quiet while the object was under observation.

Agent's Note: Sanders drew the following sketches: (B-2)



The above drawings constitute four positions of one phase. The object passed through three of these phases during the fifteen minute period.

5. TYPED NAME AND OCCUPATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

CHARLES W. WENDERSLE  
107th GS Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

Signed/ Charles W. Wendersle

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Incident # 194

Incident # 195

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **1630 31 July 48** Incident # **155**
2. Time **1630**
3. Location **140 N. Monroe Ave.,  
Columbus, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Edward G. Watson**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **140 N. Monroe Ave., Columbus, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Columbus, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **6 or 7**
9. Distance of object from observer **Very great distance away**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S - very great**
12. Speed **Hovering**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **Hovering - hanging in the sky**
15. Sound **N/S -**
16. Size **of an ash tray**
17. Color **gold**
18. Shape **starlike**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **CAVS - bright sunlight**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

**Witness Statement:**

Objects first looked like large stars. They seemed to be at a very great distance and appeared to be about the size of an ash tray. There were approximately six or seven of them in a formation that resembled the shape of the big dipper. Did not have a definite shape individually but just seemed to be a group of spots glittering in the sky. They were gold in color and seemed to be just hanging in the sky. The sky was clear and blue and the sun was shining but do not believe the gold color caused by a reflection of the sun.

Corroborated by truck driver but <sup>did not</sup> could not obtain his name.



**ARMY HISTORY**

1. TITLE OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF HISTORY

2. DATE SUBMITTED

US CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT

2 August 1948

3. CONTROL OFFICE OR FILE NO.

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4. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- (1) On 2 August 1948, Mrs. Edward G. Stone, housewife, 480 North Warren Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning unidentified objects - 15' she saw in the sky on Saturday, 31 July 1948, at approximately 1800 hours, and stated in substance:

"My husband and I had just left our house which is located on the southeast corner of Leonard and Warren Avenues and had turned west on Leonard when I glanced up at the sky and saw some objects which looked like large stars. They seemed to be a very great distance away and appeared to be about the size of an ash tray. There were approximately six or seven of them and they were in a formation that resembled the shape of the letter 'L' or '7'. They did not have any definite shape individually but just seemed to be groups of spots glittering in the sky. They were gold in color and were not moving but seemed to just be hanging in the sky. The sky was clear and blue and the sun was shining; but I do not think that the gold color was caused by a reflection of the sun. I do not think these objects were man-made but I believe they were just a strange celestial phenomenon. I told my husband to look at the strange objects in the sky but he could not see them and told me I was having hallucinations. When we stopped for the traffic light at Leonard and St Clair Avenues, a truck stopped beside us and I asked the truck driver if he could see anything in the sky. He said he saw them but did not know what they were. I was not able to obtain the truck driver's name as traffic started to move. We turned south on St Clair Avenue then and I could not see the objects as my sight was obstructed by buildings. I called the Columbus Dispatch (newspaper) at approximately 10:30 p.m. that evening to find out if anyone else had reported seeing them, and I told the editor my story. It was a strange sight and I have never seen anything like it before."

- (2) On 2 August 1948, Mrs. Martin Price, housewife, and Mrs. Mary Ripstein, mother of Mrs. Price, both of 2108 Summit Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, were interviewed concerning an unidentified object in the sky, and stated in substance:

"On Saturday evening, 31 July 1948, at approximately 2:00 p.m., we were driving south on Fremont Road and as we approached the WOSU radio tower which is located on the University Course, we saw a large object which looked like a large lantern floating in the sky. The weather was clear, there were no clouds, and it was still daylight, so we could see the object quite clearly. It was oblong in shape and was about the size of a gasoline drum. It was coming from the west and moving very slowly. It passed close to the

1. TITLE OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF HISTORY  
**FLYING DISC**  
 100th CIB Detachment

2. DATE SUBMITTED

*Flight/Flight 7*

Incident # 195



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 156
1. Date **31 July 48**
  2. Time **8:00 P. M.**
  3. Location **Columbus, Ohio - Transit Rd near OSU Radio tower  
located near University Golf Course**
  4. Name of observer **Mrs. Martin Price & Mrs. Mary Rippetoe**
  5. Occupation of observer **Mrs. Price: housewife  
Mrs. Mary Rippetoe: mother of Mrs. Price**
  6. Address of observer **2186 Locust Ave., Columbus, Ohio**
  7. Place of observation **Transit Rd near OSU Radio Tower**
  8. Number of objects **1**
  9. Distance of object from observer **250 feet**
  10. Time in sight **N/S**
  11. Altitude **250 feet**
  12. Speed **very slow**
  13. Direction of flight **West to East**
  14. Tactics **Did not change course or altitude**
  15. Sound **No noise**
  16. Size **of gasoline drum - approx 5' x 6'**
  17. Color **~~WH~~ Black**
  18. Shape **Oblong**
  19. Odor detected **N/S**
  20. Apparent construction **N/S**
  21. Exhaust trails **Spouted black smoke from the top**
  22. Weather conditions **Clear with no clouds**
  23. Effect on clouds **No clouds**
  24. Sketches or photographs **None**
  25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
  26. Remarks: **(above)**

On Saturday evening, 31 July 45, at approximately 8:00 P. M., while driving south on Fremont Road as observers approached the WCU Radio Tower located on the University Golf Course, a large object resembling a huge lantern was seen floating in the sky. The weather was clear, and it was still daylight so object could be seen quite clearly. It was oblong in shape and about the size of a gasoline drum. It was coming from the west and moving very slowly. It passed close to the tower and was about 1/2 the height of the tower from the ground. As it passed overhead traveling east, it spouted black smoke from the top and at the bottom on the left side there was a dull enclosed light like that of a lamp. The object did not change its course or altitude but continued on to the east with black smoke trailing behind. The object was black. It did not make any noise. There were no wings visible nor did it have any motor. No openings of any kind could be seen.

**NOTE:** Another car stopped near them with two occupants who claimed that they had never witnessed anything like it before.

9 Aug 1946

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On 2 August 1946, Mrs. Martie Price, housewife, and Mrs. Mary Rippetoe, mother of Mrs. Price, both of 2186 Lamont Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, were interviewed concerning an unidentified object in the sky and stated in substance:

On Saturday evening, 31 July 1946, at approx 8:00 P.M., we were driving south on Fremont Road and as we approached the WOSU radio tower which is located on the University Golf Course, we saw a large object which looked like a huge lantern floating in the sky. The weather was clear there were no clouds, and it was still daylight, so we could see the object quite clearly. It was oblong in shape and was about the size of a gasoline drum. It was coming from the west and moving very slowly. It passed close to the radio tower and was about half the height of the tower from the ground. As it passed overhead, traveling east, it was spouting black smoke from the top and at the bottom on the left side there was a small enclosed light like a lamp. The object did not change its course or altitude but continued on to the east with black smoke trailing behind. The object was black and did not make any noise. It did not have any motor or wings visible and we could not see any openings of any kind. We stopped our car to observe this object and another car stopped near us. There was a boy and a girl in it and they both said they never saw anything like the object before. We did not get their names. We called the Columbus Dispatch (newspaper) when we got home and the editor took our story but he misrepresented the facts in the newspaper. We did not see any "glittering whirling discs" or "glittering balls" as stated in the paper. We saw only one object.

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Incident # 157



Notes for Incident 156 - in which time a direction rally.

Object was perceived floating in the sky coming from the west over Ohio State Stadium. It got lower all the time and landed in a field north of the stadium. It was approximately 100 feet off the ground. Three small boys ran toward it and observed and went to investigate. One boy had a stick in his hand and 1-1/2 foot long made of white paper. (The stick was a stick of chewing gum.) It was making some noise and this was heard by the large ball of smoke in the sky. There were no marks or writing on it.

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 157
1. Date **31 July 48**
  2. Time **4:00 P. M.**
  3. Location **Columbus, Ohio**
  4. Name of observer **Robert G. Cochran**
  5. Occupation of observer **Teletype Operator**
  6. Address of observer **State Highway Patrol Radio Station**
  7. Place of observation **Near Golf Driving Range, Columbus, Ohio**
  8. Number of objects **1**
  9. Distance of object from observer **Object was balloon which fell to earth & was investigated by observer**
  10. Time in sight **N/S**
  11. Altitude **Came to earth from around 100 ft (when first observed)**
  12. Speed **N/S**
  13. Direction of flight **southward**
  14. Tactics **N/S**
  15. Sound **N/S**
  16. Size **2 ft x 3-1/2 ft**
  17. Color **white crepe paper**
  18. Shape **N/S - but said to be like old time "County Fair" balloons - round**
  19. Color detected **N/S**
  20. ~~Appearance~~ construction **crepe paper**
  21. Exhaust trails **smoking - caused by large ball of waste material**
  22. Weather conditions **N/S - (clear - see incident 156)**
  23. Effect on clouds **N/S (no clouds)**
  24. Sketches or photographs **None**
  25. Manner of disappearance **Fell to earth where it was retrieved.**
  26. Remarks: **(over)**

Object was perceived floating in the sky coming from the west over Ohio State Student Housing Project and was approximately 100 feet off the ground when first observed. It got lower all the time and landed in a field nearby. Three small boys ran toward it and observer went over to investigate. Saw paper bag affair approx 2 feet in diameter and 3-1/2 feet long made of white crepe paper. (like old time "County-Fair" hot air balloons) It was smoking when first observed and this was caused by a large ball of waste material which was fastened underneath it. There were no marks or writing on it.

Note: See Incident 196 - in which time & direction tally.

**AGENT REPORT**

**TITLE OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF REPORT**  
 DISCOVERY OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

**A. DATE REPORT MADE**

2 August 1948

**B. NUMBER, SYMBOL, OR FILE NO.**

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radio tower and was about half the height of the tower from the ground. As it passed overhead traveling east, it was emitting black smoke from the top and at the bottom on the left side there was a dull enclosed light like a lamp. The object did not change its course or altitude but continued on to the east which black smoke trailing behind. The object was black and did not make any noise. It did not have any motor or wings visible and we could not see any openings of any kind. We stopped our car to observe this object and another car stopped near us. There was a boy and a girl in it and they both said they never saw anything like the object before. We did not get their names. We called the Columbus Dispatch (newspaper) when we got home as the editor took our story but he misrepresented the facts in the newspaper. We did not see any "glittering whirling discs" or "glittering balls" as it had in the paper. We say only one object.

(3) On 2 August 1948, Robert C. Goshorn, telephone operator, State Highway Patrol Radio Station 2700, Columbus Road, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed and stated in substance:

On Saturday evening 31 July 1948, at approximately 8:00 p.m., I was at the refreshment stand of the Half Irving Range which is located on Dodrigh Street across from Union Cemetery, when I saw an object floating in the sky. It was coming from the west over the Ohio State Student Housing Project and was approximately 100 feet off the ground when I first observed it. It was getting lower all the time and I saw it land in a field nearby. Three small boys ran toward it and I went over to investigate. The object was a paper bag affair approximately 2 feet in diameter and 5 1/2 feet long, made of white crepe paper. It was like the old time "County Fair" hot air balloons. It was smoking when I first observed it and I found that this was caused by a large ball of waste material which was fastened underneath it. There were no marks or writing on it and I do not know where it came from.

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/s/agent/ Floyd E. Bunting

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9 August 1948

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

FROM: AG of S, G-2  
Headquarters Second Army  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

TO: Director of Intelligence  
General Staff  
Department of the Army  
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter your headquarters, File CSOID 452.1, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, dated 25 March 1948, and to our Control Number A-1917.

2. In compliance with paragraph 2, above mentioned letter, enclosed herewith are CIG agent reports concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft.

3. A copy of attached report has been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

MELVIN L. HUTCHISON  
Captain, FA  
Asst District Intelligence  
Officer

2 Encls  
Encl 1 - Rpt re Watson, Price, Ripstein, Goshorn  
Encl 2 - Rpt re Yantis

cc: Wright Field ✓

Incident # 157



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 158
1. Date 1 Aug 48
  2. Time 2:00 P. M.
  3. Location ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Groveport, Ohio
  4. Name of observer Harold A. Tantis
  5. Occupation of observer Student, R
  6. Address of observer 25 West Hixson Ave.
  7. Place of observation 1 mile west of Groveport, Ohio
  8. Number of objects 1
  9. Distance of object from observer N/S
  10. Time in sight N/S
  11. Altitude N/S very high
  12. Speed N/S
  13. Direction of flight in westerly direction against a light wind
  14. Tactics N/S - just exhaust visible - smoke pattern dark & very large dispersed rapidly and appeared again as wide streak a mile or so in length twisted from wide to narrow streak
  15. Sound No sound
  16. Size N/S - object not seen
  17. Color N/S - object not seen
  18. Shape Just a streak observed
  19. Odor detected N/S
  20. Apparent construction N/S An exhaust trail (smoke)
  21. Exhaust trails Appeared as black cloud with no definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it exploded
  22. Weather conditions ~~obscure~~ Few white clouds - but clear
  23. Effect on clouds black cloud silhouetted among them that reveal
  24. Sketches or photographs 3 figs.
  25. Manner of disappearance N/S
  26. Remarks: (over)

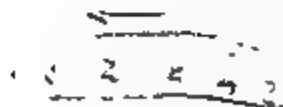


Observer noticed what appeared to be a small black cloud between two white ones. Seemed peculiar because the weather was clear and there were a few white clouds in the sky - but no other dark clouds or formations of any kind. The black cloud did not have any definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it exploded. Suddenly it stretched out into a wide streak with smaller vertical streaks, then rapidly turned and twisted, moving into a different direction and disappearing. In three or four seconds, the smoke burst appeared again spontaneously, approximately 20° west of the place where first noticed. Smoke pattern dark, very large, and dispersed rapidly, appearing again as a wide streak a mile or so in length which appeared to twist from a wide to a narrow streak and then back again changing direction as it twisted. Moving in westerly direction against light wind. Plainly visible altho far away and very high. No sound heard. Seemed like a streak that would be made if a flying wing with several engines were banking and turning and leaving exhaust trails.

Note: Yantis was in the war and had seen a lot of anti-aircraft shells burst and many vapor trails from planes but he never observed anything like this. He stated: "It was so spontaneous like a rubber band which is round, then suddenly is stretched at length and twisted, and then disappears without a trace."

Agent's Note: Yantis drew the sketches below

Streak twisted and turned - suddenly disappeared



1st position

width same - length  
estimated at 1 to 2 miles

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**SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT**

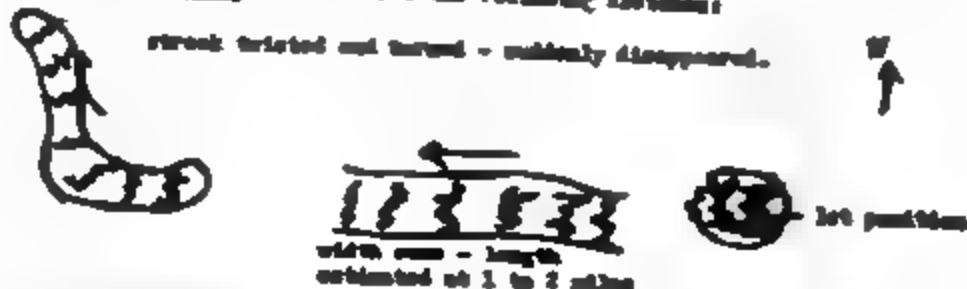
**8 August 1948**

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(1) On 7 August 1948, Wald A. Yastin, student, 28 West Kings Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning an unidentified phenomenon in the sky, and stated as follows:

On Sunday, 7 August 1948, at approximately 2:00 p.m., I was driving east on Troopert Ave with my family. I was about one mile west of Troopert Ave I glanced up toward the North and noticed what appeared to be a small black cloud between two white clouds. This seemed very peculiar to me because the weather was clear and there were a few white clouds in the sky and no other dark clouds or formations of any kind. The black cloud did not have any definite shape but looked like an anti-aircraft shell a few seconds after it had exploded. Suddenly it stretched out into a wide streak at a shallow vertical streak, then it rapidly turned and twisted, moved into a different direction and disappeared. In three or four seconds, the same burst appeared again spontaneously, approximately 20 degrees west of place where I first sighted it. The same pattern was dark, very large, and dispersed rapidly, appearing again as a wide streak a mile or so in length which appeared to twist from a wide to a narrow streak and then back again changing direction as it twisted. It appeared to be moving in a westerly direction against a light wind and it was plainly visible although I would judge it was far away and very high. There was no sound and I can not describe it as a streak that might appear if a flying wing with several engines was banking and turning and leaving exhaust trails. However, I was in the car and have seen a lot of anti-aircraft shells burst and I have seen vapor trails from airplanes but I have never seen anything like this before. I only saw it twice, because I was driving along and almost had an accident, and by the time I stopped my car I had lost track of it. It was spontaneous, like a rubber band which is wound, then suddenly is stretched at length and twisted, and then disappears without a trace. I figured that it was very rare where the air is thin and that is why it disappeared so rapidly without any trace remaining.

Agent's Note: Yastin drew the following sketches:



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**FLOYD S. DUNNING**  
 100th ST Detachment

APPROVED BY SPECIAL AGENT  
*Floyd S. Dunning*

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## AGENT REPORT

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT  SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT	2. DATE RECEIVED 9 August 1948 3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO. A-1917
4. REPORT OF FINDINGS  (2) On 2 August 1948, Mrs. Harold A. Yantis, reprotype operator, Veterans Administration, South Sterling Street, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed concerning the unidentified phenomenon which she witnessed in the sky on Sunday, 1 August 1948, at approximately 2:00 p.m., while traveling east on Groveport Pike with her husband. Her statement was substantially the same as that of her husband and did not disclose any new information or facts concerning this phenomenon. Mrs. Yantis called the Ohio State Journal shortly after arriving home to inquire if anyone else had witnessed this unusual occurrence. The Journal did not have any information and the editor called Mrs. Yantis on the same date at approximately 9:00 p.m. to get her statement, which was subsequently published. B-6	
5. TYPE, NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT FLOYD S. JENNINS 1022nd CIC Detachment	6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT /s/ Floyd S. Jennins

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Incident # 199

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 159

1. Date **30 July 1948**
2. Time **2015 hours**
3. Location **Warthington, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **John A. Felton**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **5800 High St., Warthington, Ohio**
7. Place of observation **Warthington, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **15 minutes**
11. Altitude **Approx 3000 ft**
12. Speed **very slow**
13. Direction of flight **SW**
14. Tactics **None**
15. Sound **None**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **cylindrical**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **Clear with high scattered clouds, visibility good**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Object appeared cylindrical in shape with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. No standard marker lights were displayed and there were no engine noises. The object emitted a steady silver glow.

Altitude was judged to be approximately 3000 ft and the object was moving very slowly in a southwest course. It was in line of vision some 15 minutes. No other aircraft, military or civilian were in vicinity of Felton's hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and the visibility was good.

NOTE: Felton questioned by Maj Campbell of the USAF, but nothing further was gained by this interview with the exception that his wife also saw the object.

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Chf, Tech Intel Div  
Intel Department  
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Douglas Leigh Sky Alm Corp  
C/O Naval Air Station  
Lakewood, New Jersey

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CRAFT IN VICINITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, DURING PERIOD 30 JULY TO 3 AUG 48.  
PLEASE DIRECT REPLY GOVW COLLECT HQ ANSC, ATTN: NCLAND-3

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SUBJECT : Unidentified Airborne Object.

TO : Major H.M. Campbell, U.S. Air Force

1. On the evening of Friday 30 July 1948, from my home at 5800 High Street, Worthington, Ohio, I saw an object in the southwest sky that did not look like any of the aircraft that I am familiar with. I first saw this object at exactly 2015 hours. The object appeared to be cylindrical in shape, with no apparent wings or tail surfaces. There were no standard marker lights displayed, and no engine noises. The object did, however, emit a steady silver glow.

2. I should judge that its altitude was approximately 3000 feet and moving very slow in a southwest course. It was in my line of vision until 2030 hours. There were no other aircraft, military or civilian, in the vicinity of my hearing or vision. The sky was clear with high scattered clouds and visibility was good.

*John A. Pelton*

JOHN A. PELTON  
5800 High Street  
Worthington, Ohio

2 August 1948

*Upon questioning, Mr. Pelton revealed nothing more than the above, except that his wife saw the same object.*

*H. M. Campbell -  
Major, US AF*

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Incident # 160

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 160

1. Date **4 July 48**
2. Time **11:15 P. M.**
3. Location **Drewsburg, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **John Jannick, Jr.**
5. Occupation of observer **N/S**
6. Address of observer **Box 227, Drewsburg, Pa.**
7. Place of observation **Drewsburg, Pa.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **20 seconds +**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **Hovering - then moving on at undetermined speed**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
  - Tactics **moved across sky, stopping three times and resuming movement**
14. Sound **No noise**
15. Size **of a star**
16. Color **same as a star**
17. Shape **looked like a star**
18. Odor detected **N/S**
19. Apparent construction **N/S**
20. Exhaust trails **N/S**
21. Weather conditions **N/S**
22. Effect on clouds **N/S**
23. Sketches or photographs **Vague sketch**
24. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
25. Remarks: **(over)**

On 4 July 48 at approx. 11:15 P. M., OSE, witness and his wife thought they saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star which was moving. ~~It did not appear to be a star because it did not twinkle and it did not have a steady light.~~ Then they thought it was a plane but it made no noise. The object moved across the sky, then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for about 15 seconds, then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When the object stopped in the sky, it resembled a star and only by following its course could the difference be noticed.

NOTE: Witness states that he lives some 2-1/2 miles from the two women (McKeesport, Pa.) who reported seeing a big silver plate moving noiselessly overhead in the direction of Keeswood Park. See Inc. 161.

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SUBJECT: Project "SEOW"

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Wright Field, Ohio  
ATTN: SMI

1. Attached civilian communication is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.
2. This letter has been acknowledged by the Adjutant General, Department of the Army, but not by this Headquarters. It is assumed that your Command will make proper acknowledgment.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Ltr fr J. Janicki  
dtd 9 July 1948 w/2 Incls.

Directorate of 1's Division  
114-0220



Box 227  
Drevasburg, Pa.  
7/9/48

U. S. War Dept.  
Washington D. C.

To whom it may concern:

Dear Sirs:

On the fourth of July (July 4, 1948) my wife and I were sitting on a bench on our lawn and we were watching the stars, planes, etc. At 11:15 P. M., O. S. T. we saw something very strange.

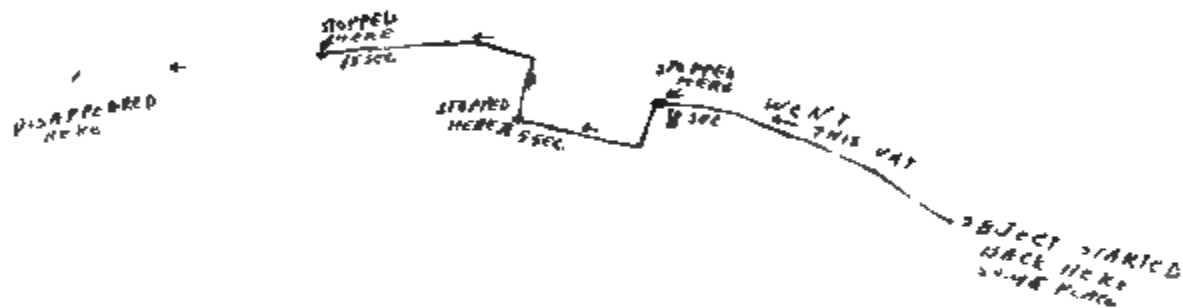
We thought we saw a star moving. There was a light in the sky the same color and size of a star and it was moving. I decided it was a plane but it made no noise. We soon changed our minds because this "thing" moved across the sky then changed its course a bit and went straight and stopped again for about 5 seconds, changed its course a bit and went straight for awhile and stopped again this time for at least 15 seconds then it went across the sky a little ways and disappeared completely. When this thing stopped in the sky, if you didn't know where it was at you would not tell it from a star as the resemblance was identical to a star.

After reading in the paper on July 8, 1948 about two women seeing "flying saucers" in the daylight July 8, I believe I saw a "flying saucer" or something in the night July 4, because I know it was no star or an airplane because neither contrived and stop in the air like this "thing" did. I live above 2-1/2 miles from these women who saw the "discs" in the daylight.

Has  My Department any comments on these strange "discs"? They are not reported in the heart of the steel industry.

Yours

John Jessicky, Jr.  
Box 227  
Drevasburg, Pa.



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Incident # 161

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **Around July 8, 49** Incident # 161
2. Time **N/S**
3. Location **McKeesport, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **Mrs. Nell Young & Mrs. Elizabeth Galtz**
5. Occupation of observer **housewife**
6. Address of observer **Mrs Young: 1404 Grover Ave.  
Mrs Galtz: 2604 Grover Ave.) McKeesport, Pa.**
7. Place of observation **McKeesport, Pa.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **N/S - toward Kemwood Park**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **noiseless**
16. Size **12 to 15 inches in dia.**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **"plate"**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **disappeared in cloud bank**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **disappe red in cloud bank**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness saw what looked like a "big, silver plate" moving aimlessly overhead in the direction of Kempswood Park.

"Oh look, that's not a plane," screamed Mrs. Vewey of 340<sup>th</sup> Grover to her neighbor, Mrs. Golts, 360<sup>th</sup> Grover, "it looks like one of those flying saucers."

Mrs. Vewey said the disc was about 12 to 15 inches in diameter. It disappeared in a cloud bank but reappeared on the far side and was seen by Mrs. Golts. They followed the direction of the disc until out of sight.

NOTE: Taken from the Daily News "McKeesport, Pa. - July 8, 1948.

—THE DAILY NEWS, McKEESPORT, PA.

## Flying Disc In Sky Here, Women Say

McKeesport, Pa., July 15.—(AP)—A flying disc was seen in the sky here today, according to several women who said they saw it about 10:30 a. m. The flying disc was seen in the sky here today, according to several women who said they saw it about 10:30 a. m. The flying disc was seen in the sky here today, according to several women who said they saw it about 10:30 a. m.

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Incident # 161



Incident 163

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date <sup>21</sup> 21 July 45 Incident # 163
2. Time hour before dark
3. Location Van Nuys, Calif
4. Name of observer Capt Henry Glover & wife  
(OOB-Sea)
5. Occupation of observer Ordnance Reserve Officer
6. Address of observer 6731 Verbal Ave., Omega Park, Calif
7. Place of observation Van Nuys, Calif.
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 2000ft overhead
10. Time in sight ~~1/2~~ about an hour
11. Altitude great height
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight toward the sun from the East or West  
E to W
14. Tactics traveled a vertical arc of about 25° or more
15. Sound N/S
16. Size of weather balloon at 2000 ft
17. Color bluish luminescence like fluorescent lamp which gradually  
changed to orange color at dusk
18. Shape round tending to spherical
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N/S
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions C/W ground temperature 70-75°
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance snapped off like a lamp when you throw switch
26. Remarks: (Over)

Object appeared round and probably spherical. At first looked similar to weather balloons at about 2000 ft but there was no characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground with fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. In the time it was under observation (about an hour) it traveled thru a vertical arc of about 25° or more. After watching the object for a while the observer concluded that whatever it was the thing was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when the switch is thrown. The outline was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring), the air clear with visibility unlimited. Direction of travel from East directly toward the sun.

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STATEMENT

Statement made by Mr. Henry Glover, Power Consultant, Department of Water and Power, Van Nuys, California; home address, 8531 Variel Avenue, Conoga Park, California. 1230 hours, 17 September 1948, concerning object sighted in the sky, 22 July 1948, in the vicinity of San Fernando Valley, California:

"On the evening of 22 July 1948, between the hours of 1930 and 2030, my wife and I were having dinner in the patio of an open air market in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange object in the sky almost directly overhead.

DESCRIPTION: It appeared to be round and probably spherical. At first, it appeared to be a weather balloon at about 2000 feet but there was none of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground in fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching it a while, I concluded that whatever it was, was at great height but not a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more. The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness or blurring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 60 degrees an hour after dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly toward the sun.

ADDITIONAL INTERROGATION BY SPECIAL AGENT WILLIAM G. SPROULL.

- MR. SPROULL: Can you approximate the geographical location when you first sighted the object?
- MR. GLOVER: Directly over Van Nuys, about 65 or 70 degrees it travelled.
- MR. SPROULL: Approximately what was the time when you first sighted this object?
- MR. GLOVER: I didn't know the exact hour, but it was about an hour before sundown.
- MR. SPROULL: Who called your attention to the object?
- MR. GLOVER: Unidentified member of a group at the patio.
- MR. SPROULL: What was the weather condition at the time?
- MR. GLOVER: Very clear sky. Visibility unlimited.
- MR. SPROULL: What was your impression of the actual shape or dimension of the object?
- MR. GLOVER: It appeared to be round with no certain construction.

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MR. SPROULL: What was the approximate size of the object?

MR. GLOVER: The size, as near as I could judge, would be a weather balloon at 2,000 feet. I am POSITIVE it was not a weather balloon.

MR. SPROULL: What would you approximate as the speed?

MR. GLOVER: That I wouldn't know except that it travelled about 25 or 30 degrees ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> approximately forty-five minutes to an hour.

MR. SPROULL: In what direction did it move?

MR. GLOVER: Overhead directly into the sun.

MR. SPROULL: Did you think it might be a reflection from anything?

MR. GLOVER: I thought it might be a reflection from the sunlight at first but then I couldn't account for the blue tinge.

MR. SPROULL: Did it glint or sparkle?

MR. GLOVER: No, it didn't sparkle at all. The light from the object was constant with a constant intensity but changed as the sun set lower until it turned toward an orange color. As the sun was setting, it became yellow and after the sun completely dropped, it became orange color. I was just observing this particular change of coloring, when it disappeared completely.

MR. SPROULL: What was the manner of disappearance?

MR. GLOVER: It disappeared like the turning off of a light. I was looking directly at it, when it seemed to disappear as an incandescent light when one turns off the switch. There was no expansion and no change in dimension whatsoever. That is the last I saw of the object.

MR. SPROULL: Any tactics employed during flight of object?

MR. GLOVER: No change in altitude or direction.

MR. SPROULL: Was there any sound to this object?

MR. GLOVER: There was no sound whatsoever.

MR. SPROULL: Was there an exhaust trail?

MR. GLOVER: No exhaust trail at all.

MR. SPROULL: Did you notice the object as carrying any lights?

MR. GLOVER: There were no distinguishing characteristics at all except for the bluish light.

MR. SPROULL: Had this occur to you to be something resembling a flying saucer?

MR. GLOVER: When I first viewed the object, the flying saucers immediately came to my mind.

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MR. SPROULL: Do you feel that you were observing a definite object?

MR. GLOVER: Yes, it had a definite sharp outline - something I had never seen before. At first I thought it might be a gaseous formation but it didn't have the characteristics of a meteor or comet and the outline was too definite and sharp to be gaseous. It instead appeared to be a definite material object. I had even considered that it might be an astronomical object caught in our Earth's rotation like the moon, but it travelled faster than the sun so it couldn't have been. It was travelling three times as fast as the sun and was going in the same direction as the sun.

MR. SPROULL: Do you know any of the persons who observed this object personally?

MR. GLOVER: No.

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8532 Varial Avenue  
Conoga, California

STATEMENT

Statement made by Mrs. Henry Glover, 8531 Variel Avenue, Comoga Park, California. 1215 Hours, 17 September 1948, regarding object sighted in the sky, 22 July 1948, in the vicinity of San Fernando Valley, California.

"On the evening of 22 July 1948, at Valley Market Town, while in the company of my husband, Mr. Henry Glover, we were having dinner in the patio when my attention was called by my husband to an object in the sky. This was approximately between the hours of 1930 and 2000, before dark. Upon gas ing straight upward, the object seemed to be round and luminous. It appeared to be metallic changing to yellow-orange and to deeper hues, toward the blue, as darkness came. It seemed to be at a very great distance. In comparing the size, it would be as if I were looking at a platter across a room at approximately twenty feet distance. There were no seeming gaseous elements, no rays or sound as far as I can remember. It seemed absolutely round. At the time, the sky was cloudless. There was no other object or air craft in the sky. In fact, it was the only object in the sky. Over a period of thirty minutes or more, the object moved from straight upward to a westerly direction. I should say that it travelled approximately twenty or thirty miles. This object moved in a steady gliding motion. There was no exhaust trail or vapors from this object. The color of this object changed gradually seeming to reflect the atmospheric conditions of nightfall. When next my attention was drawn to it, I no longer saw it. My attention was drawn to it, as stated above, by my husband who was standing with a group of eight or ten people who were also gazing at the object. The object was entirely different from anything I had ever seen. It did not appear to be a balloon or any advertising device. It was a definite material object."

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*Mrs Henry Glover*

MRS. HENRY GLOVER  
8531 Variel Avenue  
Comoga, California

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*Exhibit #*

HENRY GLOVER  
9534 Varial Ave  
Canoge Park, Calif

13 Aug 48

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Air Starline Command  
10000 ft, 100 mi

10000 ft

10000 ft STRANGE OBJECT IN FLIGHT

The evening of 12 Jun 48 my wife and I were having dinner in the patio  
of the air market in Van Nuys, California. We arrived there about an hour  
before dark. Our attention was attracted by other patrons to a strange  
object in the sky almost directly overhead.

Description. It appeared to be round and probably spherical. At first  
it appeared to be a weather balloon ~~was~~ at about 2000 feet but there was  
no sign of the characteristic bobbing. The wind was blowing on the ground  
with fair strength and gusty yet the object was quite steady. After watching  
it a while I concluded that whatever it was was at great height but not  
a star. It had a bluish luminescence like a fluorescent lamp and as the  
sun set the color gradually changed to an orange color at dusk and finally  
snapped off like a lamp when you throw the switch (at which moment I was  
looking right at it). In about an hour that I had been observing it, the  
object had traveled through a vertical arc of about 25 degrees or more.  
The outline of the object was clear and sharp and symmetrical (no fuzziness  
or flaring); the air was very clear with visibility unlimited; ground  
temperature about 70-75 degrees dropping to about 60 degrees an hour after  
dark (two hour time lapse); direction of travel was from East directly  
toward the sun.

Very truly yours,

*Henry Glover*

HENRY GLOVER  
Capt, Ord-Res  
O-92844



Robert S. Richardson  
813 Santa Barbara Street (Office)  
Pasadena 4, California  
Sycamore 6-4351

"Ritter" Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1946.

Robert S. Richardson

1244 North Holliston Avenue (Home)  
Pasadena 6  
Sycamore 4-4451

1. Location first sighted. The object was first seen at the monastery of the Mount Wilson Observatory. The "Monastery" is the name applied to the place where the astronomers live while working on Mount Wilson. It is within a few yards of a mark at  $34^{\circ} 12' 55''$  N, 7 hours 52 minutes 14.3 seconds east, at an altitude above sea level of 5494 feet.
2. Date and Time of Sighting. About 7:00 PM, Pacific Daylight Saving Time, of July 21, 1946
3. Weather Conditions and Others who Sighted Object. The sky was clear and the visibility excellent. The people present who saw the object were Mr. Kenneth DeRuff, engineer at the Observatory; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wanspock, stewards at the Monastery; Al Kochanski, cook; Drs. Roscoe F. Sanford and Horace Babcock, astronomers; Dr. Martin Schwarzschild, a visiting astronomer from the Princeton University Observatory; and myself. Mr. Tom Nelson, night assistant at the 100-inch telescope, was present at dinner that evening but left early without seeing the object.
4. Persons who might have known of the Object or Tried to Photograph it. I know of no others who actually saw the object or who tried to photograph it.

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5. Construction, size, shape, etc. Anthony Wausnock and I viewed the object through a six-inch telescope on the mountain top about ten minutes after it was first sighted below at the Monastery. At the Monastery it was viewed through a portable three-inch telescope. Dr. Schwarzschild joined Wausnock and me while we were observing at the six-inch. Schwarzschild, Wausnock, and I were the only ones who examined the object through the six-inch.

The nature of the object was immediately apparent through the six-inch, which enabled us to see it as if only a few yards away. It consisted of a thin translucent outer envelope enclosing a sphere at the top, the whole having the shape of a pear. Beneath this pear-shaped assembly a square yellow disk was attached by cords. I am sure of these facts.

I believe also that the thin outer envelope had a diamond shaped pattern as if criss-crossed by a network of cords. Also that the cords attached to the yellow disk extended beyond it.

As the object was unfamiliar to us and there was nothing nearby with which to compare it, we could not make an accurate estimate of its size. After thinking it over, however, I think we can get a good idea of its size as follows: I would estimate that the object appeared about  $1/8$  the diameter of the full moon or subtended an angle of  $6'$ . Today (September 22) I called Mr. Wausnock and asked him how big he thought the object was. Without prompting from me he made an estimate of  $1/8$  the full moon, which is in good agreement.

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Now an object 10,000 feet away that subtends an angle of 6' of arc has a diameter of 17.4 feet. If 20,000 feet away its diameter would be 34.8 feet; if distant 30,000 feet its diameter would be 52.2 feet, and so on. From the general appearance of the object I should say a diameter of about 25 feet would seem reasonable.

6. Color change. The outer envelope resembled a thin white membrane. The square disk below was distinctly yellow without markings. I observed no change in color.
7. Speed. When the object was first sighted at 7:00 P.M. it was slightly south of the Monastery and high overhead, probably over Sierra Madre. When last seen about 8:30 PM, PDST, it was far to the west probably near the coast about 30 miles away. This would mean that it had moved 30 miles in 1.5 hours making its speed 20 miles per hour nearly straight west.
8. Part of Sky First Observed. I would estimate that it was directly south of the Monastery at an altitude of approx. 80°.
9. Direction of Travel. Nearly straight west as seen from Mount Wilson.
10. anner in which Last Seen. The object was last seen about 8:30 PM, PDST, through the 3-inch telescope at the Monastery by Mr. and Mrs. Wausnock and myself. The inner sphere was

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easily discerned through the outer envelope against the bright background of the sky. After sunset the object ~~was~~ appeared like a brilliant white star in the evening sky, much brighter than the planet Venus. It was very conspicuous owing to the fact that it was still illuminated by the sun's rays while the valley below was in shadow.

11. Maneuverability if any. During the time we observed the object it moved steadily westward without any sudden change in direction.
12. Approximate Altitude. At least 10,000 feet above Mount Wilson which would make its altitude above sea level 15,000 feet. I told the reporter who called me from the L.A. Times that it was only about 2000 feet overhead but later realized that this was much too low.
13. Sound if any. No sound.
14. Exhaust Trails. No exhaust trails detected. They should have been readily visible through the six-inch telescope.
15. Odor. None.
16. Effects on Clouds or Sky Condition. None that we could see. The sky was exceptionally clear around the object all during our observations.
17. Flight Pattern. Steadily westward as described above.

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Henry D. Jones

S I A I R S I I X

Statement made by Paul E. Rogers, Telescope Demonstrator, Griffith Park Observatory P. O. Box 9177, Los Feliz Station, Los Angeles, California; home address, 4214 Paragon Avenue, Los Angeles 13, California. Statement taken by Special Agent William S. Byrval, 23 September 1946.

The object in question was first noted to arrive at approximately 10:10 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, ~~2-10-46~~, while I was leaving the East Telescope Dome, Griffith's Observatory. It had an altitude of about 42 degrees and an azimuth, from the main point, of about 77 degrees as nearly as I could tell. When I last observed the object at about 11:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time, its altitude, I would judge, was about 40 degrees and the azimuth about 12 degrees. The object was moving in a westerly direction. As soon as it was about 10 degrees, the object appeared as a bright round disc with a very fine textured surface. I first observed the object with a 12" reflecting telescope when the object was at about 40 degrees, azimuth 12 degrees. The "tail" of this body of the object was an excellent reflector of sunlight and apparently it was composed of some sort of translucent material such as "ice" or the like. Some led from the hollow and a rectangular metallic appearing like covering to be cold to color, and hanging from the disc was a length of cord or wire the length of which I could not determine. The object appeared to have ribs running vertically from the side of the main body. Upon further close examination through the 12" telescope, the object appeared to have a shape similar to a pear with the smallest portion hanging towards the bottom. I observed no lights nor any construction on the object such as wings or anything resembling a power plant of any sort. The object was magnified 124 times through the telescope. I would judge the altitude of the object to be at approximately 20,000 feet. The object continued to reflect sunlight even after the sun set because of its altitude. When observing the object, it was at times so brilliant that it was hard to continue looking through the telescope at it. I presume this was due to the reflection of the sunlight off of the object as to the telescope. During the course the object traversed, it moved at a steady rate of motion and did not appear to be bobbing or maneuvering in any way. Presumably the object appeared to swing and the rectangular metallic disc would present itself as a knife edge, indicating that the disc was flat with no thickness. I lost sight of the object at about 10:30 P.M. after dark which indicates to me that the object was not generating its own light. I do not have of course the photograph or any drawings of the object or personally observed it. I observed no exhaust trails, heard no sound, nor detected any other with relation to the object.

*Paul E. Rogers*

PAUL E. ROGERS

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Reference

1. This investigation was requested by the Chief of Staff, Major General G. W. ... W. S. CLIFTON, Chief, Technical Intelligence Division, ... Department, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, per letter dated 7 September 1947, Symbol MGIAK-3. ... report of sighting unidentified aerial object over Van Nuys, California, July 1947, by MR. HENRY ... 2531 Varial Avenue, Sanaga Park, California, and request attempt be made by this office to identify the object.

2. On 17 September 1947, MR. HENRY ... Foster Consultant, of ... California, was interviewed regarding sighting of unidentified aerial object on 21 July 1947. MR. ... referred to the ... which he addressed to Air Materiel Command, ... Dayton, Ohio, offering description of object in question. ... statement was obtained from the ... HENRY ... cooperation by this agent, is included in a signed statement attached to this report as Exhibit I. MR. ... impression of the object was spherical in shape, ... as a fluorescent lamp.

3. On 17 September 1947, MR. ... interviewed regarding sighting of unidentified aerial object on 21 July 1947. MR. ... statement is attached to this report as Exhibit II. Her impression of the object in question was that object appeared to be spherical in shape, metallic in appearance, reflecting colors of yellow and orange and slower than ...

4. MR. ... stated the object in question was observed on 21 July 1947. However, during the course of the interrogation, it was revealed by both ... that it was a ... evening that the object was observed. The date, therefore, would have corrected from 21 July 1947 that the object was observed instead of 20 July 1947.

5. On 21 September 1947, MR. ... Mount Wilson Observatory, Pasadena, California; home address, 10707 ... was interviewed. MR. ... was interrogated concerning his observation of unidentified aerial object which he observed through a 3" and 4" telescope at Mount Wilson Observatory between hours of 1900 and 2000 on 21 July 1947. MR. ... described the object in question as consisting of a thin translucent outer envelope enclosing a sphere at the top; the whole of the object having the shape of a pear and being the pear-shaped assembly, a square yellow disk was attached by ... A signed statement was obtained from MR. ... giving all pertinent data and is attached to this report as Exhibit III. MR. ... stated that the information which was released to the Los Angeles newspapers in regard to the object in question was released by an assistant at Mount Wilson Observatory. The information released was erroneous and was given on a ... MR. ... pointed out that he overheard the assistant talking to the newspapermen on the telephone and heard the assistant state to the reporter that the

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that the object was a weather balloon and that at that time, he (Mr. [redacted]) told the assistant that he should not have said such a statement to the newspaper. However, attempts were made to change the information given to the newspaper, as there was no proof that the object was not a weather balloon.

On 22 September 1948, Mr. GEORGE ABRAHAM, Griffith Observatory and Los Angeles, California, was interviewed. Mr. ABRAHAM stated that he was at Griffith Observatory on the evening of 21 July 1948 and that he was on duty as telescope watchman; further that he did not observe the object as reported by the Los Angeles Times newspaper on 22 July 1948. That in fact, he informed the newspaper on the evening of 21 July 1948, the newspaper called the Griffith Observatory to obtain information regarding the sighting of unidentified aerial object, and the object was a weather balloon. Mr. ABRAHAM stated that this was the impression he had at the time of the sighting of the Observatory, and that the object was a weather balloon, as reported by the Los Angeles Times.

On 23 September 1948, Mr. PAUL R. HUGHES, Telescope Watchman, Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding his observation of aerial object on 21 July 1948. Mr. HUGHES stated that he observed the object as a bright, glowing telescope and that the object was pear-shaped, appeared to be composed of some sort of translucent material, and that a trail of smoke or vapor was being drawn from the body of the object as a white color behind it. The object was approximately 20 to 25 feet in diameter, as estimated by Mr. HUGHES on this report, outlining in detail his original observation of object in question. This statement is attached to this report as Exhibit IV. Mr. HUGHES submitted a rough sketch of the object in question. This sketch is being enclosed to the report with its copies of this report. Mr. HUGHES indicated that his impression was that the object in question was not a meteorological balloon and that Mr. ABRAHAM, Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles further stated that the geographic co-ordinates of the Griffith Observatory are as follows:

LATITUDE - 34° 04' 40" N  
LONGITUDE - 118° 15' 30" W  
ELEVATION - 2,800 feet sea level

On 24 September 1948, Mr. G. C. HARTY, Director, Los Angeles Office of the Air Corps, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed regarding the report of the Los Angeles Times newspaper of 22 July 1948. Mr. HARTY stated that he was on duty on 21 July 1948, and that he was in charge of the meteorological soundings for the date 21 July 1948, at the Los Angeles Weather Bureau. Mr. HARTY was questioned as to his knowledge of appearance and relative data concerning meteorological balloons. Mr. HARTY stated that there are two types of balloons currently used for weather and computing weather data. These balloons being the Thayer balloon, manufactured by the Air Service Corporation, and the Weitzer balloon. The description of the object described by persons previously interviewed, Mr. HARTY stated that the average meteorological balloon was 5' in diameter at point of release and that the balloons, when at a 20,000 foot altitude,

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with a diameter of 1 1/2 feet in diameter and at 50,000 72,000 feet  
altitude, and a 1 1/2 foot diameter and was first to burst at this point  
and the fragments which were attached to the sounding device parachute  
parachute. Mr. HARTY checked all files of his office pertaining to releases of  
balloons in the area of Los Angeles area, but could find no record of a balloon  
near meteorological balloons being released by any weather  
station in the area of Navy installations in the area. Mr. HARTY  
was advised that at the time of official sunset on 21 July 1954 was a  
cloudy day and there were approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes  
of twilight after sunset. Miss A. C. Clark obtained from MR.  
HARTY a copy of the report with its copies of this report. Clipping  
of this report was made by the requester and is enclosed in the  
enclosure. Two copies of this report.

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Incident 163



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 114  
2000

1. Date **29th June**
2. Time **11 P. M.**
3. Location **Uniontown, Pa.**
  4. Name of observer **Mrs Catherine McDonald**
  5. Occupation of observer **N/S ~~single~~ widow**
  6. Address of observer **35 Kensington Circle, Uniontown**
  7. Place of observation **Uniontown, Pa. - Observer's front porch**
    8. Number of objects **three - one at a time**
    9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **5000 ft**
12. Speed **Very fast**
13. Direction of flight **NE**
14. Tactics **spinning vertically on edge**
15. Sound **none**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **luminous**
18. Shape **oval**
19. Color detected **None**
20. Apparent construction **N/S - transparent**
21. Exhaust trails **trail of light about 1 yard long**
22. Weather conditions **stormy and cloudy**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S - flew across sky beneath base of clouds - lightning could be seen thru it.**
24. Sketches or photographs **vague sketch -**
25. Manner of disappearance **lost sight of - obstructed by neighboring houses**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness saw a luminous, oval-shaped object flying at an altitude of  
approx 5,000 ft which was traveling beneath the base of some clouds along  
from southwest to northeast across the sky. The weather was stormy and  
cloudy and as a second object flew across the sky a flash of lightning  
could be seen thru it. It seemed to be transparent. The object(s)  
traveled very fast and seemed to just disappear within 10 seconds. The ob-  
ject appeared at approximately five minute intervals. There was no odor  
or sound felt from them. However, a trail of light about a yard long was  
observed. The objects rolled vertically on their edges and appeared to be  
spinning on and across the sky. Witnesses lost sight of the objects  
as neighboring houses obstructed their view.

Witnesses: Mrs. Margaret Hollar  
Police Sergeant Stuh & Miss his daughter

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **29 June 48** Incident # **164a**
2. Time **2300**
3. Location **Uniontown, Pa.**
  4. Name of observer **Mrs. Margaret Holler et al**
5. Occupation of observer **Housewife**
6. Address of observer **100 Moore Ave., Uniontown, Pa.**
7. Place of observation **38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown  
(home of Mrs. Catherine McDonald)**
8. Number of objects **3 - one at a time**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **10 seconds**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **very fast**
13. Direction of flight **from Southwest to Northeast**
14. Tactics **rolled along on its edge**
15. Sound ~~N/S~~ **No sound**
16. Size **"platter"**
17. Color **luminous**
18. Shape **oval**
19. Odor detected ~~N/S~~ **None**
20. Apparent construction **N/S - luminous**
21. Exhaust trails **a tail of about a yard in length**
22. Weather conditions **cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **View obstructed by neighboring houses**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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At approximately 11 P. M. on the 29th of June Mrs. Holler saw a luminous oval-shaped object ~~resembling~~ a saucer rolling along on its edge. It appeared to be going very fast since it disappeared in about 5 to 10 seconds. It was without sound or odor but seemed to have a tail which extended about a yard or so. Five minutes later, witness saw a second object and after another five-minute interval a third object was observed. They appeared in the Southwest and flew to the Northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. The objects flew over the Oakland St. Area or just to the side of it (East of Oakland St.) They traveled about 1,000 ft and then disappeared behind the houses across the street from the witnesses.

Witnesses: Mrs. Catherine McDonald  
Police Sergeant Smith & daughter



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident #164 A
1. Date **9 June 48**
  2. Time **2000**
  3. Location **Uniontown, Pa.**
    - Name of observer **Mrs. Margat & Kollar et al**
    - Occupation of observer **Housewife**
    - Address of observer **100 Moore Ave., Uniontown, Pa.**
  7. Place of observation **38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown  
(home of Mrs. Catherine McDonald)**
  8. Number of objects **3 - one at a time**
  9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
  10. Time in sight **10 seconds**
  11. Altitude **N/S**
  12. Speed **very fast**
  13. Direction of flight **from Southwest to Northeast**
    - Tactics **rolled along on its edge**
  14. Sound **N/S No sound**
  15. Size **"platter"**
  17. Color **luminous**
  18. Shape **oval**
  19. Odor detected **N/S None**
  20. Apparent construction **N/S - luminous**
  21. Exhaust trails **a tail of about a yard in length**
  22. Weather conditions **cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder**
  23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
  24. Sketches or photographs **None**
  25. Manner of disappearance **View obstructed by neighboring houses**
  26. Remarks **(over)**

At approximately 11 P. M. on the 29th of June Mrs Keller saw a luminous oval-shaped object ~~falling~~ from a meat platter rolling along on its edge. It appeared to be going very fast since it disappeared in about 5 to 10 seconds. It was without sound or odor but seemed to have a tail which extended about a yard or so. Five minutes later, witness saw a second object and after another five-minute interval a third object was observed. They appeared in the Southwest and flew to the Northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. The objects flew over the Oakland St. Area or just to the side of it (East of Oakland St.) They traveled about 1,000 ft and then disappeared behind the houses across the street from the witness.

Witnesses: Mrs. Catherine McDonald  
[Redacted] Sergeant [Redacted] & Laughter

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **29 June 48** Incident # **164b**
2. Time **2300 - 1100 P. M.**
3. Location **Uniontown, Pa.**
4. Name of observer **Sgt Chas E. Schach & daughter**
5. Occupation of observer **Uniontown Police Dept.**
6. Address of observer **32 Lawton Ave., Uniontown**
7. Place of observation **from front porch of 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown.**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **5 - 7 seconds**
11. Altitude **6,000 ft**
12. Speed **100 MPH**
13. Direction of flight **NE - sighted in west**
14. Tactics **straight & level**
15. Sound **none**
16. Size **half of a large meat platter (1-1/2')**
17. Color **N/S luminous**
18. Shape **semi-circular**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Other conditions **partly cloudy**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **none**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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On the night of 29th June at about ~~11:00~~ 11:00 P. M., witness saw an object that resembled a half of a large meat platter which appeared over in the west end of the city at Oakland Ave & West Main St., Uniontown, Pa. It seemed to be at a height of about 5,000 ft and sailed in a straight line of about 5 or 900 feet in about 5 to 7 seconds. No sound was heard and the object ~~emitted~~ emitted no rays. It was traveling in a northeasterly direction.

Witnesses: Mrs. McDonald  
Mrs. Hollar  
Sgt Schuch's daughter



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Headquarters  
2239TH AIR FORCE RESERVE TRAINING CENTER  
Greater Pittsburgh Airport  
Cormopolis, Pennsylvania

28 August 1948

SUBJECT. Project "SIGN"

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. Reference "Confidential" letter, your Headquarters, MCIAXO-3, dated 16 August 1948, Subject as above, the following investigation report is submitted herein.

2. On 27 August 1948, Mr. Pat O'Neill, Staff Writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the name of the Correspondent Reporter who obtained the facts from the named witnesses. Mr. (Dad) Albright, Court Reporter for the Herald-Standard, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and Correspondent Reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, was not available for interview. The informant also supplied the name of the "Coast Guard Aviator" as being Mr. Frank Ryan, who had photographed an unidentified aerial phenomenon near Seattle, Washington. Further information concerning the Coast Guardsman not available. Mr. O'Neill was quite concerned in the fact that the U.S.A.F. was investigating this matter. The informant was requested not to publicize any information relative to this investigation. The informant's response to this request was, "Lieutenant, you can tell your boss that I was discharged in 1945, I did not sign up in the Reserves, and I am a newspaperman." Your attention is invited to (Exhibit I), extracted from the morning edition of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 28 August 1948.

3. On 27 August 1948, Mr. H.M. Gerber, U.S. Weather Bureau, at Pittsburgh Allegheny County Airport, was interviewed. The informant supplied the name of William W. Marsteller, O.D., who is a cooperative weather observer residing at 49 Byer Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

4. On 27 August 1948, William W. Marsteller, O.D., the above-mentioned weather observer, was interviewed. The informant supplied weather data contained in (Exhibit II).

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28 August 1948

5. On 27 August 1948, Sergeant Charles E. Schuh, Uniontown Police Department, residing at 12 Lawton Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit III).

a. Uniontown, Pa., 8-27-48. "To whom it may concern: On the night of June 29th about 11:00 P.M. I noticed an object in flight that resembled a half of a large meat platter. This object appeared in the west end of the city at Oaklan. Avenue and West Main Street. Seemed to be at a height of about 6000 feet and sailed on a straight line of about 8 or 9 hundred feet in about 5 to 7 seconds. This object was illuminated. Weather conditions partly cloudy. Mrs. Mellar a neighbor called my attention to the object as she and Mrs. McDonald had saw two previous to the one I saw. There was no sound no rays connected to the object. It was flying North East. Signed. Charles E. Schuh and Daughter Catherine."

6. On 27 August 1948, Mrs. Catherine McDonald, housewife, and widow of the late David McDonald, residing at 38 Kensington Circle, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit IV).

a. "To whom it may concern: On the night of 27 June 1948 at Eleven P.M., I was sitting on my front porch when suddenly I noticed a very peculiar sight. At around 5,000 Feet, I saw a luminous oval shaped object flying through the air. It was traveling very fast and seemed to just disappear within ten seconds. I called Mrs. Margaret Mellar's attention to it. I saw three of the same objects at approximately five minute intervals. After seeing the second one we called it to Police Sergeant Schuh's and Daughter Catherine's attention. They saw the third one. It was a very beautiful sight. As the second one flew across the sky a flash of lightning could be seen through the object. It seemed to be transparent. I would say the weather at that time was stormy and cloudy. But, the object was beneath the base of the clouds. There was no odor or sound from it. However, it had a trail of light about a yard long attached to it. It rolled vertically on its edge not flat. Looked something like this " (See (Exhibit IV). "Spinning on and across the sky. Travelled from Southeast to Northeast. I saw it disappear behind the houses across the street from where I was sitting. - Signed: Mrs. Catherine McDonald."

7. On 27 August 1948, Mrs. Margaret Mellar, housewife, residing at 100 Moore Avenue, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following signed

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SUPJ; Project "SIGN"

28 August 1948

statement, the original of which is marked (Exhibit V).

7. "To whom it may concern. At approximately eleven P.M. on the twenty-ninth of June of this year Mrs. Catherine McDonald called my attention to a luminous flying object sailing through the air. I was just picking up the steps to her porch, paying her a visit. I saw exactly the same thing Mrs. McDonald saw. A very pretty sight it was. Looked like an oval shaped platter rolling along on its edge. It must have been going very fast because it disappeared almost five to ten seconds from the time I first noticed it. It was without sound or odor but it seemed to have a tail on it about a yard or so in length. Looked like a luminous plate or meat platter. I saw all 3 of them at five minute intervals. Sergeant Schuh of the Police Department and his daughter Catherine saw the third one. I would say these flying objects came from the southwest and flew to the northeast. The weather was cloudy with lightning and rolling thunder. In fact, it had been stormy most of that afternoon and evening. The objects flew over around the Oakland Street area or just this side of it which would be East of Oakland Street. They travelled about 1,000 feet before they disappeared behind the houses across the street from us. - Signed. Margaret Collier."

8. On 27 August 1948, Mr. I. P. Gregory, Senior Airways Traffic Controller, at Pittsburgh Allegheny County Airport, was interviewed. The informant supplied the following information. He scheduled, commercial airline or Military traffic pass over the area in question. Connellsville Airport, a small "P" field, from which light, privately owned aircraft are operated, is located on the right side of the northern leg of the Morgantown, West Virginia, range station on Airway Blue 39. This area is also outside of the Reserve Training flying areas for Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Therefore, Base aircraft would not be operated over the city of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

9. On 27 August 1948, Captain Samuel F. Freedland, Forecaster, assigned to the 10th Weather Group, 10th Weather Detachment, at Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, was interviewed. The informant supplied true copies of two (2) teletyped weather sequences for 27 June 1948, marked (Exhibit VI).

10. Reference paragraph 5 c., basic letter, there are no activities geographically located in or near Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

6 Incl  
Exhibits  
I thru VI. Inclusive.

*Wallace F. Shirey*  
WALLACE F. SHIREY  
1st Lt., U.S.A.F.  
Asst. Intelligence Officer

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U. S. Form No. 1021

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
WEATHER BUREAU  
OBSERVATION FORM

COASTWISE OBSERVER'S MEMORANDUM

(Date) Aug 29 1918

TERMINATIONS

Started 92 minutes 69

After setting 69 (Time should give day)

PERIODS OF TIME

Began 9:15 a. m. Ended 6:45 a.

5:30 p. 6:30 p.

Amount—Rain, melted snow, hail, or sleet,  
80 inches (and hundredths).

Snowfall, melted, sleet, or other ice, observed,  
in last hour (and tenths).

Depth of snow on ground at time of observation,  
inches (and tenths).

Prevailing direction of wind for the day, E

Character of sky—Clear, partly cloudy, overcast,  
determined from several observations during  
the day H. Cloudy

REMARKS

5:20 - 6:30 p Thunder storm  
heavy rain + high winds

Notes.—An even or observation is made the  
required figures should be carefully and neatly  
typed on Form No. 1021.

Wm H. Marsteller

Umontown Pa.

8-27-48

To whom it may concern  
on the night of June 29th  
about 11<sup>00</sup> pm I noticed an  
object in flight that resembled  
a half of a large metal plate  
this object appeared in the  
west end of the City at Oakland  
co and West Main st seemed to  
be at a height of about 4000  
feet and curved on a slight  
line of about 5 to 7 seconds  
of it in about 1 to 2 seconds  
The object was illuminated  
over

Weather Conditions pretty cloudy me  
Horse a neighbor called my attention  
to the object as she said me  
Mr. Donald had saw two in 1900  
by the one I saw there in 1900  
I heard no more connected by the  
object it was flying north west

Charles K. Smith  
and daughter Catherine

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EXHIBIT IV

21 AUGUST 1948

To: Whom it may concern.

ON THE NIGHT OF 29 JUNE 1948  
AT ELEVEN P.M., I WAS SITTING ON  
MY FRONT PORCH WHEN SUDDENLY I  
NOTICED A VERY PECULIAR SIGHT.  
AT AROUND 5,000 FEET I SAW A  
LUMINOUS OVAL SHAPED OBJECT FLYING  
THROUGH THE AIR. IT WAS TRAVELLING  
VERY FAST AND SEEMED TO JUST  
DISAPPEAR WITHIN TEN SECONDS.

I CALLED MRS. MARGARET HOLLAR'S  
ATTENTION TO IT. WE SAW THREE OF  
THE SAME OBJECTS AT APPROXIMATELY  
FIVE MINUTE INTERVALS. AFTER SEEING  
THE SECOND ONE WE CALLED IT TO CATHERINE'S  
POLICE SERGEANT SCHUK'S <sup>DAUGHTER</sup> ATTENTION.  
THEY SAW THE THIRD ONE.

IT WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.  
AS THE SECOND ONE FLEW ACROSS THE  
SKY A FLASH OF LIGHTNING COULD BE  
SEEN THROUGH THE OBJECT. IT SEEMED TO  
BE TRANSPARENT.


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EXHIBIT 1.

I would say the weather at that time was stormy and cloudy. But, the object was beneath the base of the clouds.

There was no odor or sound from it. However, it had a trail of light about 100 yards long attached to it. It rolled vertically on its edge and was flat. Looked something like this:  SPINNING ON END ACROSS THE SKY.

→ Travelled from southwest to northeast. I saw it disappear behind the houses across the street from where I was sitting.

SIGNED

Mrs Catherine McDonald

STATEMENT OF  
MRS CATHERINE MCDONALD (Housewife)  
38 KENSINGTON CIRCLE  
UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA  
PHONE 3694

EXHIBIT IV

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27 August 1948

To whom it may concern:

at approximately eleven P.M.  
on the twenty-ninth of June of this  
year Mrs. Catherine McDonald called  
my attention to a luminous flying object  
sailing through the air. I was just  
walking up the steps to her porch,  
saying her a visit.

I saw exactly the same thing  
i. e. Mrs. McDonald saw: A very pretty  
sight it was. Looked like an oval  
shaped platter rolling along on its edge.  
It must have been going very fast  
because it disappeared almost five to  
ten seconds from the time I first  
noticed it.

It was without sound or odor  
but it seemed to have a trail or it  
about a yard or so in length.  
Looked like a luminous plate or  
metal platter. I saw all 3 of them  
at five minute intervals.

Sergeant Schuch of the Police  
Department and his daughter Catherine



saw the third one  
I would say these flying objects  
came from the southwest and flew  
in the northeast.

The weather was cloudy with  
lightning and rolling thunder.  
In fact it had been stormy most of  
the afternoon and evening.

The objects flew over around the  
Oakland Street area or just the  
side of it which would be east of  
Oakland Street. They travelled about  
1,000 feet before they disappeared behind  
the house across the street from me

Margaret Hollar  
SIC 1020

STATEMENT OF  
MRS MARGARET HOLLAR (housewife)  
110 MOORE AVENUE  
UNION CITY, PENNSYLVANIA  
PHONE 1763-J

Incident # 194



Incident # 16

CP-101 - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **26 July 1948** Incident # **165**
2. Time **2100 Z**
3. Location **Chamblee, Ga.**
4. Name of observer **Doyle L. Avery et al**
5. Occupation of observer **Observer, Atlanta Naval Air Base**
6. Address of observer **Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Ga.**
7. Title of observation **Observation tower**
8. Number of objects **1 blue white light**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Appearance **N/S - like shooting star**
13. Direction of flight **SE turning S and gaining altitude**
14. Altitude **straight & level & gaining altitude**
15. Color **None**
16. Size **N/A**
17. Color **blue-white light**
18. Shape **N/S - object not seen**
19. Material **N/S**
20. Method of construction **like shooting star**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S - possibly the blue white light was the exhaust**
22. Weather conditions **2/10 cirrus at 25,000 ft; 1 to 4/10 of lower strato-cirrus at 5,000 ft. Visibility 10 to 15 miles. Surf wind light & variable**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S** **2-5 A H**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Nature of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks **(over)**

**Witness:** W. Doyle L. Avery Observer, Atlanta Naval Air Base, Chamblee, Ga., while on duty at the observation tower on 26 July 48 about 2100 hours sighted a blue-white light traveling southeast from the northeast. It was traveling very fast and maintained a uniform altitude (undetermined) and speed. It looked like a shooting star except for the fact that it maintained the same altitude. While under observation it then appeared to gain altitude and then turned sharply to the south. The weather was clear and still. There was no sound. Shortly after sighting the light several residents of the area called and reported seeing the same thing. No flights left or arrived at the station after 1910 hours on 26 July '48.

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Witnesses of this phenomenon who were interviewed made statements as follows: On 26 July 48 they were seated on the lawn of the Georgia School of Technology Housing Project at Chamblee, Ga. About 0145 hours Mrs. John Gail sighted a strange light and called it to the attention of her companions. The light appeared about the size of a football and was traveling southeast on a steady course. It was green and faded into a silver-colored tail. The light appeared to lose altitude slowly much the same as a plane coming in for a landing. It appeared to fade away in flight as if extinguished. No sound was heard.

**Witnesses:** Mr. & Mrs. Harold Shear  
Mr. Robert Sebring  
Mrs. Jeanne Hill  
Mrs. Myrtle Kaufman  
Mrs. John Gail

Incident # 106





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CONFIDENTIAL UNCLASSIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

30 Aug 48

Incident # 166

- 1. Time 20,000 hours or 8:00 P. M.
- 2. Location Los Angeles, Calif.
- 3. Name of observer S/Sgt Leroy H. Bates
- 4. Occupation of observer S/Sgt
- 5. Address of observer W/S 1301 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles
- 6. Place of observation 1301 W. Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.
- 7. Number of objects 1
- 8. Distance of object from observer W/S
- 9. Time in sight W/S
- 10. Altitude estimated to be well over 20,000 ft.
- 11. Speed thought to be well over 700 MPH
- 12. Direction of flight ~~W-S~~ W-S
- 13. Type of noise - flow level course
- 14. Color No sound
- 15. Size Larger than B-29
- 16. Color silver
- 17. Shape V-2 rocket
- 18. Other description W/S
- 19. Appearance construction rocket - like
- 20. Smoke or trails blue exhaust trail
- 21. Weather conditions W/S
- 22. Effect on clouds W/S
- 23. Sketches or photographs None
- 24. Nature of disappearance W/S
- 25. Remarks (over)

Object resembled the fuselage of a V-2 rocket - but much larger. S/Sgt Bates stated that it was much larger than a B-29 and silver in color and that it completely filled the lens of a 10 X-50 field glass which was taken from a German 8 cm artillery piece. Each lens was 5" in diameter. Speed estimated to be well over 700 MPH, and objectives traveling at an altitude of well over 20,000 ft. No sound was heard. Left a blue exhaust trail. Object traveling from west to east. Only one object sighted.

March Flight Service Center  
March Air Force Base  
Riverside, California

TSO. MARSHAL

17 September 1948

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson AF Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: TSDIN

In compliance with FS Regulation 200-4, dated 16 August 1948, the following report is submitted, reference TFK, DW2 0048 N, March Flight Service Center:

- a. An object was sighted west of the City of Los Angeles. The time of the sighting was reported as 2026 Pacific Daylight Time.
- b. The weather was reported to be clear with visibility twelve (12) miles.
- c. The object was reported by Staff Sergeant Leroy W. Bates, residence - 1501 West Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, California, assigned to the Public Information Office of the Los Angeles Army and Air Force Recruiting Station, located at 610 South Main Street, Los Angeles; Telephone - Tucker 3710 or Van Dyke 6625. Object was not reported by any other person or persons to the March Flight Service Center.
- d. No photographs or sketches are submitted with report.
- e. Object sighted:
  - (1) Number - One
  - (2) Shape - Reported to resemble a German V-2
  - (3) Size - Unknown
  - (4) Color - Unknown
  - (5) Speed - Unknown
  - (6) Heading - Reported flying North to South
  - (7) Maneuverability - Unknown
  - (8) Altitude - Estimated 20,000 feet to 30,000 feet
  - (9) Sound - Unknown
  - (10) Exhaust trail or not - Resembling shooting star

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Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects

1 Sep 48

g. Sergeant Estes reported that he followed the flight of the object with a pair of high powered binoculars, and was certain that it was not a shooting star.

CHARLES W. TAYLOR  
Major, USAF  
Commanding

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Chief of Staff, USAF, Wash 25, D. C.  
ATTN: Director of Intelligence  
Commander, MATS, Wash 26, D. C.  
ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Div.  
Commanding Officer, Flight Service, Wash 26, D. C.  
ATTN: A-2

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TO CG/ATTN T:BIN/ATC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO  
INFO JEPG/CO/ATTN A-2/HQ FLT SVC WASHDC

AF GRMC

RESTRICTED/D/DMZ 3046 H PD ROCKET SIGHTED FLYING NORTH TO SOUTH  
EAST OF LOS ANGELES ESTIMATED TO 20 TO 30 THOUSAND FEET AT 2225  
PMT WEATHER CLEAR 12 MILES PD REPORTED

1. SGT ESTES LOS ANGELES PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE PD FUSELAGE  
APPEARS A GERMAN V-2 ROCKET PD WITNESS FOLLOWED ROCKET WITH PAIR  
OF HIGH POWERED GLASSES AND WAS CERTAIN IT WAS NOT A SHOOTING STAR

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Incident # 167



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **6 May 1948** Incident # 167
2. Time **0905 00Z**
3. Location **19° 08' N - 169° 05' E between Kamajisin Island, Marshall Islands and Rongerik Field.**
4. Name of observer **Capt Floyd Barnes**
5. Occupation of observer **Pilot USAF**
6. Address of observer **Pacific Division, Milit Air Trans Service**
7. Place of observation **Ahead & above his plane**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **4 to 5 miles**
10. Time in sight **split second**
11. Altitude **10,000 ft**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **exploded like a shell**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **white**
18. Shape **ball**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S "fire"**
21. Exhaust trails **None**
22. Weather conditions **5/10 cloud coverage**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **exploded**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

A large white ball of fire was observed some four to five miles directly ahead of and slightly above the aircraft. It was observed for only a split second and was comparable to the explosion of a shell. There were no streamers or "tails" observed such as usually related to a meteor or a distress signal. As the aircraft approached the approximate position where the ball of fire was observed a single white light was seen on the water surface. However, this disappeared within a few seconds after sighting because of the existing cloud coverage. More lights were immediately observed on the water surface some 10 miles north of the plane's course. It is the opinion of the witness (Capt Barnes) that these were from a surface vessel. Some 10 minutes elapsed after these lights were observed on the water surface when an aircraft was sighted flying a reciprocal course (240°) at about 1000 ft below the observer's aircraft and slightly to the right of the course. Capt Barnes made numerous attempts to contact this aircraft on Channel "3" and "0", "VHF" but acknowledgment of his transmission was never received.

HEADQUARTERS  
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH  
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VELOPE TO COMMANDING  
GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL  
COMMAND, ATTENTION FOR-  
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SUBJECT:

AUG 1 1949

TO:

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*James J. Harman*  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief of Intelligence

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HEADQUARTERS  
PACIFIC DIVISION  
MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE  
APO 983

BU/CJT/AM

23 August 1946

SUBJECT: Project "SISU"

TO: Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio  
ATTENTION: MUIARD-3

1. Letter your Headquarters, above subject, 10 August 1946, addressed to Commanding General, Headquarters Eastern Pacific Wing, has been endorsed to this office, and, in turn, was forwarded to the Commanding Officer, 51st Air Base Group, APO 154, where Capt. Barnes was last reported to be assigned.

2. After receiving the report of "Possible Firing Between Johnston Island and Hickam Field" from Capt. Barnes, this office immediately dispatched a query to the District Intelligence Officer, 14th Naval District, Old Naval Station, Honolulu, Hawaii, whose reply is quoted as follows:

"It is believed that the USS BOXER was engaged in tactical training operations in the vicinity of the contact reported by Captain Barnes, APO pilot."

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl:  
Cv Bu PABD 14r  
404 10 May 46

BURDEN E. WOODRICK  
Lie Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence Division

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HEADQUARTERS  
PACIFIC DIVISION, AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE  
AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND  
APO 321

DS/GJP/44

10 May 1948

SUBJECT: Spot Report

TO: Commanding General  
Air Transport Service  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTENTION: AO/S, Intelligence

1. The following information was reported by Captain Floyd Barnes, Pilot of aircraft, who was in flight between Kwajalein Island, Marshall Islands, and Hickam Field, T. H., at the time the incident occurred.
2. While flying magnetic course 060°, altitude 9000 feet, at approximately 09:05 GWT, 6 May 1948, a large white ball of fire was observed 19° 05' E - 164° 05' E, four to five miles directly ahead of and slightly above the aircraft. The ball of fire was observed for only a split second and was comparable to the explosion of a shell. There were no streamers or "tails" observed as usually related to a meteor or a distress signal.
3. Immediately after the ball of fire was observed, Captain Barnes instructed the Radio Operator to check the IFF. The IFF was reported by the Radio Operator to be in position No. 2 and operative.
4. As the aircraft approached the approximate position of where the ball of fire was observed, a single white light was seen on the water surface. However, this light was obscured within a few seconds after sighting because of the existing cloud coverage (4/1 - 5/10).
5. More lights were immediately observed on the water surface approximately ten miles north of the aircraft's course. It is the opinion of Captain Barnes and other persons aboard who observed these lights, that it was a surface vessel.
6. Approximately ten minutes elapsed after the last lights were observed on the water surface, when an aircraft was sighted flying a reciprocal course (240°) at about 1000 feet below the

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Subject: Spot Report

observer's aircraft and slightly to the right of course. Captain Barnes made numerous attempts to contact the other aircraft on Channel B and C, HF, but acknowledgment of his transmission was never received.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JOEL A. HARPER  
Major, USAF  
DAS/S, Intelligence

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Basis ltr fr Hq AWC, 10 Aug 48, Subj: Project "SIGW"

1st Ind.

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Hq 530TH AIR TRANSPORT WING, PACD, MATS, Fairfield-Suisun AFB, California,  
16 August 1948.

TO: Commander, Pacific Division, MATS, APO 953. ATTN: AC/S, Intelligence

Captain Floyd Barnes was transferred from this station to 1500th AFBU, Hickam per paragraph 16, SO 113, Hq 1504th AFBU, 23 April 1946. He returned to the states on emergency leave from Guam on 19 February 1947 and departed the U.S. on 22 March 1947 per paragraph 3, SO 25, Hq 1537th AFBU, 15 February 1947.

*Arthur Conradi Jr.*  
ARTHUR CONRADI JR.  
Major, USAF  
AC/S, A-2

2nd Ind

DC/GJP/da

Hq, Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service, APO 953, 21 August 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, 541st Air Base Group, APO 184  
ATTENTION: Intelligence Officer

1. Request compliance with paragraphs 3 and 4 of basis letter. Information copy of results obtained will be forwarded to this office.
2. Copy of original report based on an interview with Capt. Barnes is attached for your information.

BY COMMAND OF REAR ADMIRAL TOMLINSON:

*Burton K. Woomers*  
BURTON K. WOOMERS  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence Division

1 Incl:  
Oy Hq PACD ltr  
dat 10 May 48

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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **30 July 1948** Incident # 168
2. Time **1330 local**
3. Location **Overschiet, Arnhem, The Hague**
4. Name of observer **A. D. Otter**
5. Occupation of observer **Chf. Investigator of Court of Damage**
6. Address of observer **Arnhem, The Hague**
7. Place of observation **52° 30' N, 4° 30' E**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **very high**
12. Speed **high speed - comparable to V-2**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **N/S**
15. Sound **Same as V-2**
16. Size **N/S**
17. Color **N/S**
18. Shape **Aircraft with 2 decks and no wings**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **N/S**
22. Weather conditions **visibility unlimited - scattered clouds**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **N/S**
26. Remarks: **Object appeared to be wingless aircraft with two decks. It was traveling at very high altitude and was seen four times intermittently thru clouds. Visibility: unlimited.**

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*Rec'd*

TO: AMEMBAPB

IN REPLY CITE: HW NBR BLACK 268.

RENEWED CONNECTION ON 872 G

"Aircraft with 2 decks and no rpt no wings sighted",

"Local on 20 July 48",

"High speed, sound of V2"

and "through clouds by a D Otter, Obrechtstraat rpt Obrechtstraat 41, Arnhem,

Chief Investigator of Court of Damage inquiry Arnhem age 47"

CM IN 885 G AMB 031900Z

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**INCOMING MESSAGE**

August 1948

IN 011316Z

~~FROM: HEADQUARTERS WITH BLACK STAFF: MILITARY ATTACHE~~

ACTION: TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AND  
COMCOMMAG BRIGADIER AIRBORNE FIELD

*R. t.*

ATTN: MCI.

IN REPLY CODE: REF SER BLACK 268

Reference OBGID letter 452.1 dated 25 March 48 control number A1917.  
Aircraft with 2 doors and no rpt no (GARBLE BEING SVCD) sighted at 52  
degrees 30 minutes North 4 degrees 30 minutes East at 1330 Local on  
(GARBLE BEING SVCD) 48 weather scattered clouds, visibility unlimited, very  
high altitude, highspeed back sound of V2, seen 4 times through clouds by  
(GARBLE BEING SVCD) 41, airbase (Chief Investigator of Court of Damage  
inquiry airbase 47 and his daughter.

OM IN 872 SEM 011330Z

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## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **29 Aug 48** Incident # **169**
2. Time **0530**
3. Location **Maplewood, Ohio**
4. Name of observer **Mr. Faby Hiesinger**
5. Occupation of observer **farmer**
6. Address of observer **RD #1, Maplewood, Ohio, Phone: Jackson Central 8-0842**
7. Place of observation **Maplewood, Ohio**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **N/S**
10. Time in sight **N/S**
11. Altitude **N/S**
12. Speed **N/S**
13. Direction of flight **N/S**
14. Tactics **Across from behind woods - seemed to unravel a silver substance that floated earthward**
15. Sound **N/S**
16. Size **large**
17. Color **silver**
18. Shape **sphere**
19. Odor detected **N/S**
20. Apparent construction **N/S**
21. Exhaust trails **- silver substance (?)**
22. Weather conditions **N/S**
23. Effect on clouds **N/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **Disintegrated in mid-air**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

Witness observed a large silver-colored sphere which seemed to arise from behind his woods and continued to float across his farm. While in flight it seemed to unravel a silver substance which floated earthward. While under observation it disintegrated in mid-air.

**NOTE:** Witness seemed very conscientious and sincere while relating this incident. Subject arose while witness was talking to a man from this Command (MCIAAF) when an airplane chanced to fly overhead.

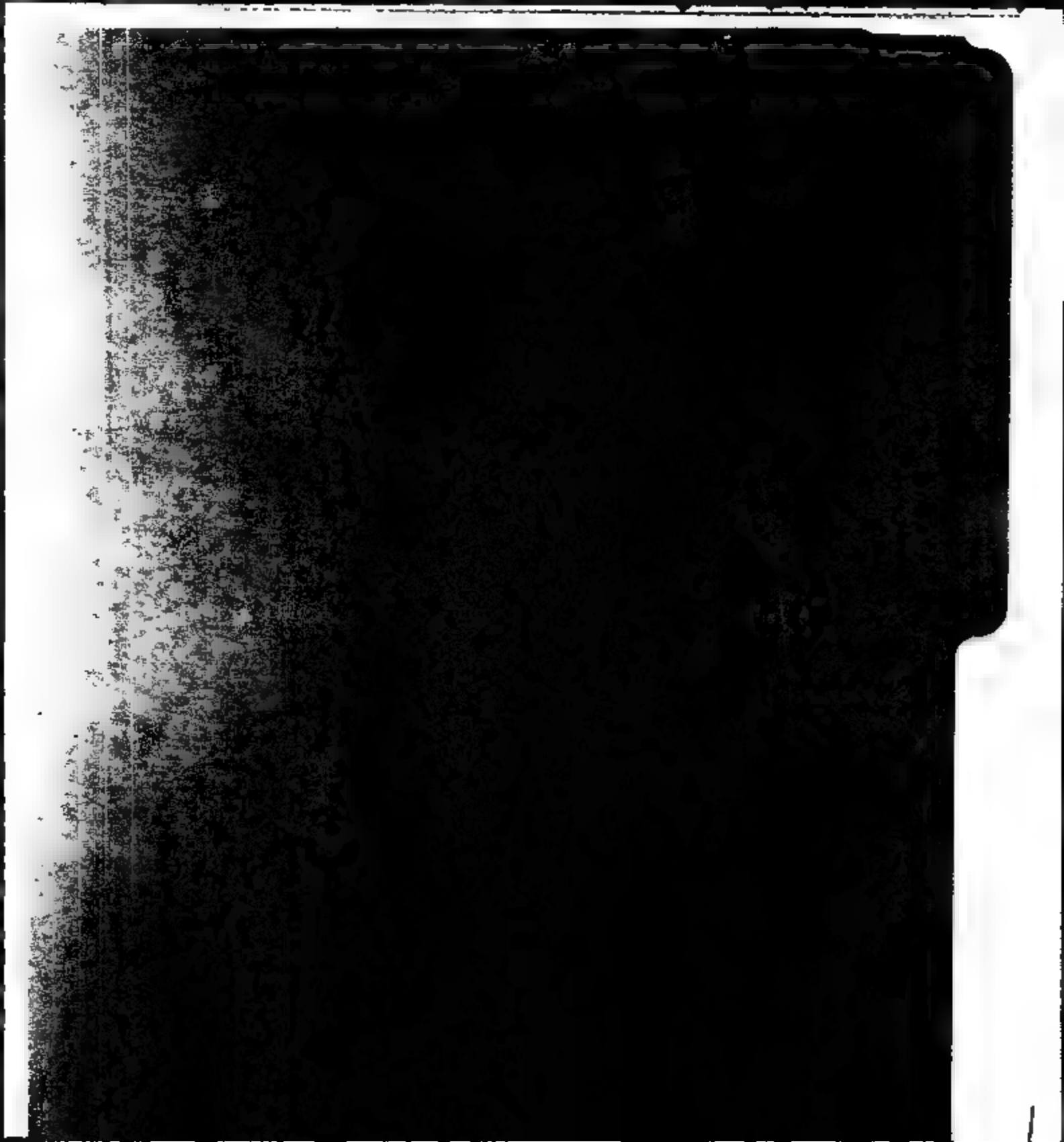


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Incident # 189



UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 170
1. Date            Around 5 May 48
  2. Time            N/S
  3. Location        Adapazari, Turkey
  4. Name of observer   N/S - taken from telecon  
Item extracted from Turkish newspaper "Yeni Sabah", Istanbul, 5 May 48
  5. Occupation of observer   N/S
  6. Name of observer   See above
  7. Place of observation   Village near Adapazari, Turkey
  8. Number of objects   1
  9. Distance of object from observer   N/S
  10. Time in sight   N/S
  11. Altitude        650 feet
  12. Speed          N/S
  13. Direction of flight   N/S
  14. Tactics        N/S
  15. Sound          N/S
  16. Size           N/S
  17. Color          "shining"
  18. Shape          N/S
  19. Odor detected   N/S
  20. Apparent construction   N/S
  21. Exhaust trails   N/S
  22. Weather conditions   N/S
  23. Effect on clouds   N/S
  24. Sketches or photographs   None
  25. Manner of disappearance   exploded
  26. Remarks:        Investigation now under way and the debris will be inspected  
by experts.

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Item from Turkish newspaper "Yeni Sabah" Istanbul, 5 May 48:

"There have been reports lately to the effect that shining objects like meteors, have been sighted in various parts of the country. Some people suggest that these might be rockets. Information received from authorized circles reveals that such a thing passed over Adapazarı and was seen to explode in the air. Parts of it fell into a village nearby and killed a sheep dog. The thing was found to be a rocket and the debris will be inspected by experts. Obars

Observers say that the rocket which is claimed to have come from the Northwest was flying at an altitude of 200 meters over Adapazarı before it fell.

According to rumors, it is possible that the rocket is connected with the "flying disc" experiments being conducted by the Russians at the station on Mt Alagos close to the eastern frontier.

SOURCE: RA, Ankara, Turkey, 10 May 1948, Serial 86-48, Eval F-O.

COMMENTS: Air Attache, Ankara, Turkey, has been requested to investigate this incident fully and encourage Turkish General Staff to do likewise. Whether incident can be confirmed or not Air Attache has been directed to determine sources for information contained in Yeni Sabah article.





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CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date **3 Aug 48** Incident # 171
2. Time **Sunset**
3. Location **Moscow, USSR**
4. Name of observer **M/S - American Newspaper Reporter**
5. Occupation of observer **Newspaper reporter**
6. Address of observer **M/S**
7. Place of observation **About 25 kilometers (19 to 20 miles) NW of Moscow**
8. Number of objects **1**
9. Distance of object from observer **M/S**
10. Time in sight **M/S**
11. Altitude **Very high**
12. Speed **high but not excessive**
13. Direction of flight **Southwest-Northeast direction**
14. Tactics **M/S**
15. Sound **No sound**
16. Size **M/S**
17. Color **M/S - shone brightly**
18. Shape **long narrow**
19. Odor detected **M/S**
20. Apparent construction **Apparently metallic since it shone very brightly**
21. Exhaust trails **M/S**
22. Weather conditions **M/S - sunny**
23. Effect on clouds **M/S**
24. Sketches or photographs **None**
25. Manner of disappearance **M/S**
26. Remarks: **(over)**

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About Sunset on 3 Aug 45, about 25 kilometers (20 miles) northwest of Moscow an experienced American newspaper reporter saw an unidentified object at very high altitude. It was long and narrow and proceeded at a high but not excessive speed in a generally south-west-northeast direction. It shone very brightly probably from reflected sunlight. No wings could be seen and no sound was heard. It looked like a rigid airship and was so identified by a Russian acquaintance who saw it at the same time. However, the reporter, in spite of the appearance of the object was of the opinion that it was not a rigid airship due principally to its high speed. He had no theory to offer.

NA COMMENT: This object might have been anything. Its speed seems insufficient for a guided missile, but it could have been either a jet or conventional airplane as unusual light conditions and fore-shortening frequently give aircraft a freakish appearance. The possibility that it was a dirigible should not be excluded. Reference "A" should not be excluded.

REFERENCE "A": The upper winds in Russia are not published but it was noted that on the following morning there were high surface winds with storm predictions.

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FM: CSAF WASH DC 021430Z  
TO: CO AMC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO  
SUBJ: REG A-2 CONF  
CLASS: BY ITEM  
PRES: LT COL MCGINNIS  
LT HUNNICUTT

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CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS HAVE BEEN  
RECEIVED REGARDING FLYING OBJECTS  
AND ARE FORWARDED FOR PROJECT "SIGN"

1. ITEM FROM TURKISH NEWSPAPER YEMİ  
SARAH, ISTANBUL, 5 MAY 1945. "THERE  
HAVE BEEN REPORTS LATELY TO THE EFFECT  
THAT SHINING OBJECTS LIKE METEORS, HAVE  
BEEN SIGHTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE  
COUNTRY. SOME PEOPLE SUGGEST THAT THESE  
MIGHT BE ROCKETS. INFORMATION RECEIVED  
FROM AUTHORIZED CIRCLES REVEALS  
THAT SUCH A THING PASSED OVER ADAPAZARI  
AND WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE AIR.  
PARTS OF IT FELL INTO A VILLAGE NEARBY,  
AND KILLED A SHEEP DOG. THE THING WAS FOUND

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TO BE A ROCKET, AND THE DEBRIS WILL BE  
INSPECTED BY EXPERTS. OBSERVERS SAY THAT

SOURCE: MA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL  
123-46, 4 AUGUST 1948, EVAL. B-2.

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3. MOSCOW, USSR. "WHILE IN  
MOSCOW THE FRIEND HAD MET WITH MEMBERS  
OF THE MOSCOW IZVESTIYA EDITORIAL STAFF,  
AT WHICH TIME HE HAD LEARNED THAT THE  
CENTRAL PARTY COMMITTEE IS MAKING A  
SPECIAL, SECRET STUDY OF THE AMERICAN  
"FLYING SAUCER" STORY AND THE "ROCKETS  
OVER SWEDEN" INCIDENT. SOURCE HAD NOT  
HEARD OF THE "FLYING SAUCERS" IN  
AMERICA AND SO WAS COMPLETELY IN THE  
DARK AS TO WHAT THE "SECRET STUDY"  
MIGHT IMPLY.

SOURCE: MA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL  
36-S-48, 10 JUNE 1948, EVAL. F-3.

REQUEST AMC CONTINUE ANY FOLLOW-UPS  
DEEMED NECESSARY UNDER THE PROVISIONS  
OF PROJECT "SIGN". INFORMATION RECEIVED  
BY HEADQUARTERS, USAF, REGARDING FOLLOW-UPS  
ON TURKISH REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMC.  
END CSAF ITEM 1 (SECRET)

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FM: CSAF WASH DC 021130Z  
TO: CG AMC WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO  
SUBJ: REG A-2 CONF  
CLASS: BY ITEM  
PRES: LT COL MCGINNIS  
LT HUMNICUTT

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PROBABLY FROM REFLECTED SUNLIGHT. NO WINGS COULD BE SEEN AND NO SOUND WAS HEARD/ IT LOOKED LIKE A RIGID AIRSHIP, AND WAS SO IDENTIFIED BY A RUSSIAN ACQUAINTANCE WHO SAW IT AT THE SAME TIME. THE REPORTER, HOWEVER, IN SPITE OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT, WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT A RIGID AIRSHIP, DUE PRINCIPALLY TO ITS HIGH SPEED. HE HAD NO THEORY TO OFFER, AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS A MYSTERY, LIKE THE AMERICAN 'FLYING SAUCERS'.

RE COMMENT: "THIS OBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANYTHING. ITS SPEED SEEMS INSUFFICIENT FOR A GUIDED MISSILE, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A JET OR CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE, AS UNUSUAL LIGHT CONDITIONS AND FORESHORTENING FREQUENTLY GIVE AIRCRAFT A FREAKISH APPEARANCE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS A DIRIGIBLE, AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, (U-SANVAT 7, & 85-00-15,5 SPEED PRO

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SUBJ: RSG A-2 CONF  
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RECEIVED REGARDING FLYING OBJECTS  
~~AND ARE CONTAINED IN THE ATTACHED REPORT~~  
RECORDS:

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BEEN SIGHTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE  
COUNTRY. SOME PEOPLE SUGGEST THAT THESE  
~~WERE IN WOODS. TRADITIONAL BELIEFS~~  
~~THAT THESE WERE FIREBALLS OR METEORS~~  
AND WAS SEEN TO EXPLODE IN THE AIR.  
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INSPECTED BY EXPERTS. OBSERVERS SAY THAT  
THE ROCKET, WHICH IS CLAIMED TO HAVE COME  
FROM THE NORTHWEST, WAS FLYING AT AN ALTITUDE  
OF 200 METERS OVER ADAPAZARI BEFORE IT FELL.

"ACCORDING TO RUMORS, IT IS POSSIBLE  
THAT THE ROCKET IS CONNECTED WITH THE FLY-

~~THE RUMOR IS BELIEVED TO BE A GROUNDWORK OF~~

THE RUSSIANS AT THE STATION ON MOUNT  
ALAGUZ CLOSE TO OUR EASTERN FRONTIERS."

SOURCE: SA, ANKARA, TURKEY, 10 MAY  
1948, SERIAL 26-14, EVAL. F-0.

RECOMMENT: AIR ATTACHE, ANKARA, TURKEY,  
HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS  
INCIDENT FULLY AND ENCOURAGE TURKISH  
GENERAL STAFF TO DO LIKEWISE. WHETHER  
INCIDENT CAN BE CONFIRMED OR NOT AIR ATTACHE  
~~IS TO BE ADVISED TO INVESTIGATE RUMORS~~  
FOR INFORMATION CONTAINED IN YENI SABAH  
MAY/11/48

2. MOSCOW, USSR. " AT ABOUT SUNSET  
ON 3 AUGUST 1948, ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS  
NORTHWEST OF MOSCOW, AN EXPERIENCED  
AMERICAN NEWSPAPER REPORTER SAW AN  
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT AT A VERY HIGH  
~~ALTITUDE. IT WAS LIGHT AND DARK AND~~  
PROCEEDED AT A HIGH BUT NOT EXCESSIVE  
~~SPEED IN A SOUTHWESTLY DIRECTION.~~  
DIRECTION. IT SHONE VERY BRIGHTLY,

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PROBABLY FROM REFLECTED SUNLIGHT. NO WINGS COULD BE SEEN AND NO SOUND WAS HEARD/ IT LOOKED LIKE A RIGID AIRSHIP, AND WAS SO IDENTIFIED BY A RUSSIAN ACQUAINTANCE WHO SAW IT AT THE SAME TIME. THE REPORTER, HOWEVER, IN SPIKE OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE OBJECT, WAS OF THE OPINION THAT IT WAS NOT A RIGID AIRSHIP, DUE PRINCIPALLY TO ITS HIGH SPEED. HE HAD NO THEORY TO OFFER, AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT IT WAS A MYSTERY, LIKE THE AMERICAN 'FLYING SAUCERS'.

MR. COMMENT: "THIS OBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ANYTHING. ITS SPEED SEEMS INSUFFICIENT FOR A GUIDED MISSILE, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN EITHER A JET OR CONVENTIONAL AIRPLANE, AS UNUSUAL LIGHT CONDITIONS AND FORE-SHORTENING FREQUENTLY GIVE AIRCRAFT A FREAKISH APPEARANCE. THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS A DIRIGIBLE, AS SUGGESTED IN REFERENCE (A), SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED, (b-PAWAT 7, , & 85-00-43,5 SPEED PRO

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SOURCE: MA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL  
123-48, 4 AUGUST 1948, EVAL. B-2.

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MIGHT IMPLY.

SOURCE: MA, MOSCOW, USSR, SERIAL  
38-8-48, 10 JUNE 1948, EVAL. F-3.

~~REQUEST AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING~~

~~SECRET MATERIAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS~~

OF PROJECT "SIGN". INFORMATION RECEIVED  
BY HEADQUARTERS, USAF, REGARDING FOLLOW-UPS  
ON TURKISH REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO AMC.  
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## CHECK-LIST UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 172

1. Date of Incident 1 Oct 1948
2. Time of Incident 2100 hrs
3. Place of observation Fargo, N. Dakota from plane over Fargo and vicinity
4. Name of observer George F. Garman
5. Occupation of observer Mgr Constr Co. (Pilot of F-51 in Air Mail Guard)
6. Address of observer 18 Fed Home Proj Fargo N. Dakota
7. Number of objects observed ~~unidentified flying objects~~ 1
8. Distance of object from observer 1000 yds
9. Time in sight 27 minutes
10. Altitude 1000 to 1400 ft
11. Speed much faster than F-51
12. Direction of flight various
13. Tactics Several left turns, one right turn, diving and climbing
14. Lights clear white light
15. Sound none noted
16. Size at closest observation 6 to 8 inches
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round at all times
19. Odor detected none
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none seen
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance in steep climb
26. Remarks: Southern lights were visible in the NE quadrant

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The object was observed over a period of 17 minutes. It consisted of a small round ball of clear white light with no physical form or shape attached. It was about 6 to 8 inches in diameter. In that this light traveled faster than the F-4 and performed maneuvers in both evasive and aggressive manner. When first sighted the object was traveling at about 250 MPH at 1,000 ft altitude. During this condition the light was not continuous but blinked off and on. As they approached the white light was extinguished. Possibilities of other aircraft, meteorological in low releases, Russian kamikaze jets having been in 1 mile vicinity have been eliminated. Radar observations being performed on F-4 aircraft for comparison survey with unidentified aircraft. Statistical studies have been initiated.

The closest observer ever got to the object was in a head-on pass at which time the object passed over his at less than 50 feet. It was approx 6 to 8 inches in diameter. It was white with no apparent glare and a clear cut edge. It apparently had depth. It did not have an apparent ball or spherical shape.

Realizing that the speed of the object was too much for his G-force attempted to cut it off in turn. At this time his fighter was not near full speed. His speed varied from 200 - 400 MPH. The object circled to the left, he cut back to the right for a head-on pass. The pass was made at 2,000 ft. The object appearing head-on until a collision would inevitable. It then turned and passed 50 feet or so over the top of him. He circled around still within the object in sight. The object then made a 180° turn and indicated a pass at forward. This time forward indicated it approach all the way and as it started to pull up he pulled up attempting to run. The object went straight up with him following to 10,000 ft. Forward stalled out at 10,000 ft with the object 200 ft above him circling to the left. They then made two circles. The object then pulled away and made another head-on pass, but did not complete it, breaking off at quite some distance from forward and headed over Foster Airport at around 11,000 ft. Forward gave chase circling to the left trying to cut it off until he was over 75 miles W of range. He was then at 10,000 ft. The object at 11,000 ft. Again giving his engine full power he tried to catch it in a diving turn. The thing turned around and made another head-on pass. This time when it pulled up he pulled up also but it went behind him, traveling straight up until lost from view. Forward then returned to the field and landed.

Forward states positively that there was "nothing" behind the maneuver.



## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 176 A
1. Date 1 Oct 1948
  2. Time 2100 hrs
  3. Location Fargo N. Dakota Air port
  4. Name of observer ~~XXXXXXXX~~ L. B. Jensen
  5. Occupation of observer Airport traffic controller
  6. Address of observer 1423 6th Ave Fargo S. N. Dakota
  7. Place of observation Control Tower of Fargo N. Dakota Airport
  8. Number of objects 1
  9. Distance of object from observer 1/2 mile
  10. Time in sight several seconds
  11. Altitude 4000 to 5000 ft.
  12. Speed extremely fast
  13. Direction of flight N.S.W.
  14. Tactics Horizontal flight
  15. Sound none noted
  16. Size Tail lamp of an airplane
  17. Color clear white
  18. Shape round
  19. Odor detected none noted
  20. Apparent construction none noted
  21. Exhaust trails none noted
  22. Weather conditions CAVU
  23. Effect on clouds none
  24. Sketches or photographs none
  25. Manner of disappearance straight out
  26. Remarks:

EXHIBIT "B"

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

- Incident # 1726
1. Date 1 Oct 1946
  2. Time 2100 hrs.
  3. Location Fargo, N. Dakota Air port
  4. Name of observer Manuel E Johnson
  5. Occupation of observer Assistant Air port Traffic controller
  6. Address of observer 1422 Broadway, Fargo N. Dakota
  7. Place of observation Control Tower of Fargo, N. Dakota Airport
  8. Number of objects 1
  9. Distance of object from observer 1 to 2 miles
  10. Time in sight several seconds
  11. Altitude 2000 to 2500 Ft
  12. Speed extremely fast
  13. Direction of flight N.W.
  14. Tactics one turn
  15. Sounded none
  16. Size of a lamp
  17. Color clear white
  18. Shape round
  19. Odor detected none noted
  20. Apparent construction none noted
  21. Exhaust trails none noted
  22. Weather conditions CAVU
  23. Effect on clouds none
  24. Sketches or photographs none
  25. Manner of disappearance straight line
  26. Remarks:

EXHIBIT "C"

## CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. Date 1 Oct 1948 Incident # 178 c
2. Time 2100 hrs
3. Location Fargo N. Dakota
4. Name of observer Dr. Cannon
5. Occupation of observer Oculist
6. Address of observer Neumann's Jewelers, Fargo N. Dakota
7. Place of observation from Airplane and Fargo N Dakota Air port
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer 1 mile
10. Time in sight at intervals for seconds only
11. Altitude 5000 to 6000 ft
12. Speed very fast
13. Direction of flight N.W., S.E. and W.
14. Tactics straight line
15. Sound none
16. Size tail light of airplane
17. Color clear white
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected none
20. Apparent construction none noted
21. Exhaust trails none seen
22. Weather conditions CAVU
23. Effect on clouds none
24. Sketches or photographs none
25. Manner of disappearance straight line
26. Remarks:

EXHIBIT "D"

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ATI FIELD OFFICE  
INTELLIGENCE DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS AIR MATRIEL COMMAND  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

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4 October 1948

INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 2

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Kubala

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: Gorman, George F.  
AGE: Twenty-five years.  
ADDRESS: Building 18, Federal Housing Project, Fargo, N.D.  
OCCUPATION: Manager of construction work.  
MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child.  
EDUCATION: Two and one-half years college - mechanical engineering and physics.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

RANK: 2nd Lieutenant.  
SERIAL NUMBER: A0943875.  
UNIT: North Dakota Air National Guard.  
NUMBER YEARS' SERVICE: Two years with the National Guard.  
WAR ASSIGNMENT: Pilot instructor for French military students.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

2nd Lt. Gorman did not make the impression of being a dreamer. He reads little, and only serious literature. He spends 90% of his free time hunting and fishing; drinks less than moderately; smokes normally; and does not use drugs. He appears to be a sincere and serious individual who was considerably puzzled by his experience and made no attempt to blow his story up.

Summary of Interrogation:

Lt. Gorman had been with his squadron on a cross-country flight. When the squadron returned at approximately 2030 hours, Lt. Gorman decided to remain in the air inasmuch as he wanted to do some night flying. He flew west as far as Valley City and returned to Fargo to watch the foot ball game from the air, his altitude being approximately 1500 feet at this time. Circling the foot ball field, he saw about 500 feet beneath him a Piper Cub. At approximately 2100 hours he decided to return to the field. He called the tower to find out if all was clear, and was told that one other ship was in the air, the aforementioned Piper Cub, which was flown by Dr. Gorman of Fargo, North Dakota.

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Interrogation Report No. 2, dated 6 Oct 58 (Cont'd)

As he flew into the pattern preparatory to landing, what seemed to be the tail light of another airplane passed him from the right. He called the tower immediately and complained that they had misidentified him, that there was a third ship in the air. The tower came back with the information that no other aircraft was reported out, that they had just checked with all other air fields in the area. Lt. Gorman, seeing the tail light run just outside the Piper Cub, pulled up and out towards the moving light in order to identify what he thought to be another aircraft. He saw the Piper Cub plainly outlined against the city lights, but saw no outline of anything around the moving light. Lt. Gorman then proceeded to move toward the object (he states that he was about 1000 yards from the object at this moment), which appeared then to be about 6 to 8 inches in diameter. The light was clear white, completely round without flare at the edges, and was, until then, blinking on and off. He then proceeded to follow the light which suddenly became steady and pulled into a sharp left bank, making what he thought to be a pass at the tower. Lt. Gorman dove after the light, bringing his manifold pressure to 70 inches and revs to 3000 RPM, which increased at the finish of the dive to 3300. He was unable to catch up with the object which began to gain altitude.

Lt. Gorman continued to follow the object, in the meantime calling the tower and advising them so he that was going on. The object continued gaining altitude and again made a left bank. Lt. Gorman then cut his P-31 into a sharp turn and tried to cut the object off in the turn. By that time he was to an altitude of 1000 feet. The object then made a sharp right turn and Lt. Gorman turned about and headed straight at the object which had completed its turn and was coming toward him. At the point where collision seemed imminent, Lt. Gorman got around and went into a dive, the object passing over his canopy at approximately 500 feet. At this time he had 60 inches of manifold pressure and 3000 RPM. The object again made a left circle approximately 1000 feet above him and he again gave chase. He cut again sharply toward the object which was once more coming at him and, at the time when collision seemed imminent again, the object went straight into the air and he started climbing after it until he gained approximately 1000 feet, at which time his plane went into a power stall. The object then turned in a north-west northerly heading and disappeared. It was then 21:27 hours.

Lt. Gorman proceeded to return to the field, being so certain that he had to make the passes at the field before he could properly land. During these entire maneuvers, Lt. Gorman noticed no deviation on his instruments. His magnetic compass reacted normally, there was no interference with his radio. He heard no sounds, noticed no odors, and saw no unusual trails.

  
Lt. Gorman  
10/6/58  
Det. 2nd Field Office

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HEADQUARTERS AIR MATRIEL COMMAND  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

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4 October 1948

INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 3

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Kubala.

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: L.D. Jensen.  
AGE: Twenty-eight years.  
ADDRESS: 1423 Sixth Avenue, South, Fargo, N.D.  
OCCUPATION: Airport traffic controller (CAA).  
MARITAL STATUS: Married, one child.  
EDUCATION: Two years' college.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

None - Civilian.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

Mr. Jensen is exactly what his name implies - typical quiet, steady, Scandinavian type of individual. He seems very reliable, deliberate and calculated in his observations. He is sober, does not smoke, use drugs, nor have any habits which could affect his normal way of thinking.

Summary of Interrogation:

Mr. Jensen was on duty since 1600 hours October 1, 1948, in the traffic control tower as traffic controller. There was not much traffic during the evening hours on that day, and, with the exception of the P-51, there was no other airplanes from Fargo Air Field in the air. At 2050 hours he was advised from a privately owned field south of Fargo that Piper Cub No. 701, piloted by Dr. Cannon, had taken off and had asked for permission to land at Fargo Air Field to attend the ball game. At 2100 hours Lt. Gorman called the tower, asking if any other aircraft were in the air and he was given the position of the Piper Cub. Approximately 5 minutes after that Lt. Gorman called again and stated that there was another aircraft in the air at approximately the same altitude as the Cub; however, it could not be the Cub in view of its speed. He was advised that no other aircraft was in the air from Fargo Air Field and none other was signalled from other air fields.

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Lt. Gorman then called in again and stated that he was going to follow the other aircraft. Mr. Jensen then stepped to the south window of the tower and at that moment saw the object, approximately 1000 feet from the tower in a north-western direction, passing very fast over the field. Mr. Jensen happened to have, at this particular moment, a pair of binoculars in his hand, and he watched the object as it passed over the field. He was, however, unable to distinguish any shape or form other than what appeared to be the tail light of a very fast moving craft. Mr. Jensen did not see the maneuvers carried on by the object nor the P-51 of Lt. Gorman. He saw the object only once, and then only as it passed in a straight line over the field.

Mr. Jensen states that approximately 10 minutes prior to Lt. Gorman's call, the Weather Station at Fargo had released a lighted weather balloon; however, the balloon was at all times in sight by Mr. Sanderson of the Weather Station, the balloon flying slowly in a westerly direction at an altitude of about 500 feet. Mr. Jensen further states that the voice of Lt. Gorman became, at times, very garbled and he had to repeatedly ask him to speak clearer. He thinks, however, that during the diving and climbing maneuvers of the P-51, Lt. Gorman's throat microphone had probably slipped.

Mr. Jensen heard no sound from the object, noticed no odor, and saw no exhaust streaks in the air.

  
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Major, USAF  
Chief, AFI Field Office.

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INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 4

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Kubala.

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: Manuel E. Johnson.  
AGE: Thirty-four years.  
ADDRESS: 1422 Broadway, Fargo, N.D.  
OCCUPATION: Assistant airport traffic controller, Fargo Airport.  
MARITAL STATUS: Married, no children.  
EDUCATION: High School graduate.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

None - Civilian.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

Mr. Johnson is approximately of the same type as Mr. Jensen, stoical, quiet, Scandinavian type, not easily impressed, testotaller, smokes pipe only, has never used habit-forming drugs.

Summary of Interrogations:

Mr. Johnson was on duty at the Fargo Airport tower since about 1:00 hours, 1 October 1948, and was in the tower at the time the P-51 called in requesting information about local traffic. At the time when Lt. Gorman called the time in regard to the object, Mr. Johnson walked to the rear of the receiver and, looking out of the south window, saw the object and the Cub. Object, at this particular time, was a little higher than the Piper Cub, and outside the object seemed to be on a north heading and then turned northwest.

Mr. Johnson had no other information to offer in support of what Mr. Jensen had to say. He added, however, that Dr. Cannon and partner had, in the meantime, landed and came to the tower and that Dr. Cannon had walked on to the balcony of the tower and remained on the southeast corner watching the object. Mr. Johnson heard no sound from the object, noticed no odor, and saw no exhaust streaks.

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INTERROGATION REPORT NO. 5

INTERROGATION OFFICER: Major Paul Kubala.

Personal History of Person Interrogated:

NAME: Dr. L.H. Cannon.  
AGE: Sixty-six years.  
ADDRESS: Newman's Jewelry Store, Fargo, N.D.  
OCCUPATION: Occultist.  
MARITAL STATUS: Widower.  
EDUCATION: Six years' medical college.

Military History of Person Interrogated:

None - Civilian.

Evaluation of Person Interrogated:

The doctor, in spite of his age, appeared to be highly alert, quick-witted, and very capable. He took up flying two years ago and owns two aircraft today, flying them from the Fargo Flying Club, which is located south of Fargo. The doctor was not at all impressed with the occurrence of the night of 1 October, and seemed to be of the impression that a Canadian jet airplane may have come over and played tag with Lt. Gorman.

Summary of Interrogation:

At approximately 2030 hours, Dr. Cannon had taken off from the south airport of Fargo and had made several circles over the foot ball field on the outskirts of the city, watching the game going on. As he proceeded to land, he noticed what appeared to be the tail light of another ship go at considerable speed in a westerly direction.

Dr. Cannon landed his Piper Cub at the Fargo Airport and proceeded to the tower where he delivered some bottles of coca-cola to the tower operator. On his entrance, he overheard the running commentary between Lt. Gorman and Mr. Jensen. He stepped on the balcony and watched the maneuvers of the P-51 from the southeast corner of the tower. He did see the object from the tower, twice. The object was again headed in a westerly direction, returning very shortly, going into a steep bank and then disappearing in a northwestern by north direction.

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Dr. Cannon noticed no deviation on his instruments. He did not, however, watch his magnetic compass inasmuch as he flies more by knowledge of terrain than by compass. Dr. Cannon thought at all times that the light he saw belonged to another airplane, most probably to a Canadian jet, some of which have come over at various times and buzzed the Fargo field. He did, however, notice that there was no sound from the object at any time, no odor and no exhaust streaks in the sky.

  
PAUL KIBALA  
Major, USAF  
Chief, ATU Field Office.

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NORTH DAKOTA AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
WENTWORTH AIRPORT  
Fargo, North Dakota

DGJ:trb  
5 October 1948

**SUBJECT:** Transmittal of Statements Pertaining to Aerial Phenomenon  
Incidents on 1 Oct 48.

1. Chief Intelligence Department, Headquarters Air Materiel  
Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

1. Transmitted herewith are statements pertaining to the  
observation of an Aerial Phenomenon on 1 Oct 48.

2. While the undersigned is cognizant of the fact that reports  
of this nature are classified material, the fact that a number of  
civilians were aware of the alleged engagement which Lt. Gorman  
had with the object, it was necessary that a press release be made  
in order to avoid an exaggerated account being printed and a con-  
sequent mild hysteria.

3. No attempt is made by the undersigned to evaluate the  
statements herewith attached.

  
Donald C. Jones  
Major, AF, USAF  
Commanding.

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Statement of an interview conducted by Major Donald C. Jones,  
Commanding Officer, 172nd Fighter Squadron and 2nd Lt. George  
T. Gorman, Pilot in the above organization pertaining to the  
witnessing of an Aerial Phenomenon by Lt. Gorman.

- Q. How did you happen to first notice the object in question?
- A. Flying in circles to the left over the city of Fargo at 270  
miles an hour, I noticed a cub circling the Football Field  
on the North end of Fargo. At almost the same time I noticed  
the object traveling from East to West between the tower at  
 Hector Airport and the Football Field. The time was 2100.
- Q. How did the object first look to you?
- A. At first observation it appeared to be the rear navigation  
light on an aircraft except that it had no glare and was  
blink up on and off.
- Q. What did you then do?
- A. My first reaction was to keep it in sight and circle with it. At  
the time, the object was making a circle around the city of Fargo  
at approximately 1000 feet traveling at the same rate of speed  
as I. Putting it in the light of the city, myself being above  
it, I checked it for wings and fuselage but it appeared to have  
none. I could distinguish the outline of the cub distinctly.
- Q. Did you have any conversation with the tower regarding the  
position of any aircraft in the air?
- A. Yes.

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- Q. What was the gist of this conversation and the time it occurred?
- A. My first call occurred at 2107 at which time I asked the tower if any other aircraft were in the air besides the cub and myself.
- Q. What was the towers response?
- A. They knew of no other local aircraft.
- Q. What did you do then?
- A. I contacted the tower, gave them my position, the position of the object, and notified the tower that I was peeling off and going to give chase.
- Q. How near did you estimate that you got to the object during the chase?
- A. The closest time I got to the object was in a head-on pass at which the object passed over me at less than 500 feet.
- Q. How large did the object appear when it passed over you?
- A. It appeared to me from 6 to 8 inches in diameter.
- Q. Can you describe the object?
- A. The object was white light with no apparent glare and clear cut edge.
- Q. Did the object have any depth?
- A. Apparently no.
- Q. Could you describe it as merely a ball of light?
- A. No, it seemed to be flat.
- Q. How long were you able to keep the object in view?
- A. Twenty-seven (27) minutes.

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Q. Can you please be briefly what occurred during these 27 minutes?

A. After the pilot had left, I realized the speed of the object was too great to catch in a straight chase, so I succeeded in cutting it off in turns. At this time my fighter was under full power. The speed varied between 300 and 400. The object circled to the left, then to the right and then to the left. The object's speed seemed to increase as it approached. The collision seemed inevitable. The object was about 100 feet or less over the top of my nose. I succeeded in cutting it off still without the object in sight. The object made a 180 degree turn and initiated a steep climb. This time I watched it approach all the way and as it started to climb up, I pulled up abruptly trying to ram the object until straight up with me following to approximately 14,000 feet. I stalled at 14,000 feet with the object apparently 500 feet above me circling to the left. I gave two barrels to the left. The object then pulled out away from me and made another head-on pass. At this time the crew started and the object broke off a large distance from me heading over Hector airport to the Northwest at approximately 11,000 feet. I gave chase circling to the left trying to cut it off until I was 25 miles Southeast of Fargo. I was at 14,000, the object at 11,000 when I again gave the aircraft full

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- over and trying to catch it in a 90-degree turn. The object  
turned around and made another head-on pass. This time when  
pulling up, I pulled up also and observed it traveling straight  
away. I lost it. I then returned to the field and landed.
- Q. In the object at anytime change its appearance?  
A. Yes.
- Q. In what way?  
A. When the object was traveling slow, the light varied in intensity  
with blinking on and off.
- Q. Did the light ever remain steady?  
A. Yes.
- Q. At what times?  
A. When the object increased its speed, the light increased in  
intensity and became steady.
- Q. What did you estimate its fastest speed to be?  
A. Somewhere above 500 miles per hour.
- Q. Did the object appear to be opaque?  
A. No.
- Q. At any time did the light change color?  
A. No.
- Q. Did the light also appear the same even in turns?  
A. Yes.
- Q. Did the light at any time have an elliptical shape?  
A. No.
- Q. Did you have the impression that the object was controlled?  
A. Definitely, there was thought behind the maneuvers.

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Q. How was the weather especially the visibility at the time  
of this flight?

A. Clear.

Q. Were you conscious of the Northern lights?

A. Yes, I had observed them low on the North Eastern horizon  
through out my flight.

Q. Are you willing to certify that this is a true and accurate  
statement to the best of your knowledge?

A. Yes, I so certify to the best of my powers of observation, that  
every statement herein is true.

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A STATEMENT BY DOCTOR A. S. CANNON:  
October 1st at 11:20 PM

A gentleman and myself took off from Skye Ranch Flying Field, which is five (5) miles South of Hector Airport, at eight-forty (8:40) P.M. to do a little night flying. We were in a two way radio connection with the tower at Hector Airport. I was doing the flying and Nelson was using the phones and while circling the Football Field at the A.C. at 1600 feet, the Fargo tower advised us there was a 51 in the air and a few moments later asked who the third plane might be. We had noticed the 51, and when we were over the North side of Hector Field going West, a light seemingly on a plane flared above and to the North moving very swiftly toward the West. At first we thought it was the 51 but we then saw the lights of the 51 higher and more over the field. We landed on runway three (3) and taxied into the Add building and went up to the tower and listened to the calls from the 51 which seemed to be trying to over-take the plane or lighted object which then went southward and over the city. The plane was moving very swiftly, much faster than the 51. Tried to get a better view with a pair of binoculars but couldn't follow it well enough. The 51 landed and we took off just ahead of Northwest plane and landed at Skye Ranch and registered on the flying sheet at 10:20 P.M. I saw the light and the 51 at the same time. The lights seemed to be outside of the circle made by the 51.

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*Robert C. Cannon*  
Robert C. Cannon  
Major, AF  
Commissioner

/s/ Doctor A. S. Cannon

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**HEADQUARTERS AIR MATERIAL COMMAND**

**HECTOR AIRPORT**

**Fargo, North Dakota**

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ECJ:trb  
16 October 1948

**SUBJECT: Transmittal of Statement.**

**TO : Chief Intelligence Department, Headquarters Air Material Command,  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.**

1. In accordance with the attached communication, transmitted herewith, is the statement requested.

2. Since the CAI Control Tower at Hector Airport has no recording device, no copy of the conversation between the Control Tower and Lt. Gorman is obtainable.

*Donald C. Jones*  
**DONALD C. JONES**  
Major, AF, WMA  
Commanding

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W. D. Jones

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2. In my reply to your request for a  
reference to the subject reported in  
your report on the night of 11.11.14.

Mr. Turner and I took off from "Big Lark  
Moor" to follow the report of "Det 1st Lt  
W. D. Jones" on the night of 11.11.14. We searched the AC  
no. 10 field watching the ground - I was  
in the front seat of the Cock and he was  
acting at the time so I put on the storm  
turns on the scanner just in case that the  
Large town would contact us. After  
circling the football field a number of times  
Large town called and requested our position.  
I gave the town our position as "out S.E. of the  
field over Large at 1600 feet." Large town ack-  
nowledged the message and then asked if we  
had observed any other aircraft in the area at  
about 4000 feet. ~~That night we had~~

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... saw ... that there was no aircraft  
... at the time. I saw some other and  
... had an insight but that he had  
... another aircraft in the area at about  
... thousand.

... headed north and saw a "ship" or  
... above me and to our right -  
... traveling west and we were both  
... impressed at the speed it was  
... I immediately called the tower  
... the position of the craft  
... they would contact it. It had no  
... lights and appeared only as a  
... white glow. The night  
... there was no moonlight -  
... to observe any outline  
... there was no reflection  
... observed.

The object then made a large north-south  
turn of about 90° - it seemed to ...  
at altitude in the turn - and it traveled  
south at a very high rate of speed and was  
seemingly gaining altitude as it traveled  
south. The over the 51 we percent just as it  
made its turn south but the 51 was slow

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The incident and went to the town it  
and out if they had made contact with the  
craft but they hadn't. It was in the tower  
see over the object making smooth spiraling  
- also see Targa - at a much higher altitude  
- also saw the section right of the 51 as it  
- died after it. The 51 appeared to be zig-zag,  
- a motion more than the other it had seen  
- it could not match its speed. It was  
- and could hear the 51 - but there  
- in our course of any link from the other  
- aft

I don't have the exact idea what the object  
was like to know what - saw was not  
in discussion

Yours truly,  
J. P. ...

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Airport Traffic Control Tower  
Hector Airport - Box 1754  
Fargo, North Dakota

October 1, 1948

170th Fighter Squadron  
Air National Guard  
Fargo, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

Attention: Maj. D. Jones

The object in question was first noticed just east of the airport, and appeared to be on a north heading. After passing to the east of the airport it seemed to take up a northwest heading. The object seemed to be at about two thousand feet and appeared to be traveling at quite an excessive speed compared to a Piper Cub that was east of the field at the time. No definite outline could be identified. Both objects were noticed at the same time.

  
Harold E. Johnson  
Assistant Airport Traffic Controller  
Civil Aeronautics Administration

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Airport Traffic Control Tower  
Hester Airport - Box 1700 - I.D.M.  
Fargo, North Dakota

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October 1, 1948.

170th Fighter Squadron  
Air National Guard  
Fargo, North Dakota

Gentlemen:

Attention: Maj. D. Jones

This is to advise [redacted] sighted an object or a light traveling at a high rate of speed, through B. & L. 6 x 30 binoculars, with an F-51 following. The object passed between my position and the city traveling at a high rate of speed apparently on a southwest heading. The F-51 was some distance behind and the object was traveling fast enough to increase the spacing between itself and the fighter. This [redacted] place at approximately 9:10 P.M. on October 1, 1948. The object appeared to be only a round light, perfectly formed, with no fuzzy edges or rays leaving its body. The edges were sharp. No other shape was observed. The main identifying characteristic was the high rate of speed at which it was apparently traveling.

*Lloyd D. Jensen*  
Lloyd D. Jensen  
Senior Airport Traffic Controller  
Civil Aeronautics Administration

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INCIDENT # 12

Date: 29 October 1948

**FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** Geiger Radioactivity Check of F-51 #511A35  
Air National Guard, Fargo, North Dakota

**TO:** MCIAT  
Attn: Mr. Dayarwood

**THRU:** MCIAD Mr. Honey  
MCTA Mr. Loedding

1. In compliance with decisions between this office (MCIAXO) and Mr. Lawrence H. Truettner, Aeronautical Engineer, Chief of Guided Missiles Branch and Mr. Alfred C. Loedding, Technical Assistant to this division (MCTA), Capt. Robert R. Schneider, Project Sign Officer, in the company of Air Technical Field Organization Officers acting as pilot (1st Lt. T. S. Hyington), co-pilot (1st Lt. Klukow), and engineer and crew chief (Capt. Crawford), departed Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, on or about 0905 hours, 23 October 1948. The Air National Guard Airdrops Officer of the Day was contacted in the absence of the Commanding Officer, and arrangements were made for a comprehensive radioactivity check of a number of F-51 aircraft, including subject airplane, by exposure to a Geiger-Mueller Radiation Measurement Set, Model GLR-200A (hand-portable).

2. To obtain a comparative "Geiger" reading of the subject aircraft the following method of testing and measuring radioactivity was utilized:

- a. Only certain fixed areas on all aircraft were checked.
- b. A period of ten (10) seconds was allotted each reading. (a mean average could thus be established.)
- c. Portions of aircraft indicating more than usual radioactivity were checked for maximum and minimum Geiger readings.
- d. All aircraft tested (with the exception of the No. 11360 which was flown 20th Oct) had been flown on 22 October.

**NOTE:** Subject aircraft, in addition to having been flown 1 October 1948 (date of the incident) had been in use the 2, 8, 14, 21 and 22 of October.

- e. The selected aircraft were not equipped with oxygen thus precluding flights in excess of 10,000 feet. (Questioning of crews and two pilots revealed that none had been flown higher than 7,800 ft.

3. It will thus be seen that the factor of relative exposure to normal cosmic rays could be presumed to be fairly constant since only F-51's flown under 10,000 feet and whose daily flight-schedules corresponded to those of the subject aircraft were chosen.

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